

Internet Safety



- The computer system used in Angus Schools is filtered to protect pupils from entering unsuitable sites intentionally or by accident. However, due to the nature of the internet, neither the School nor Angus Council can be sure that this safeguard will always work and you may see something that is offensive or inappropriate. That is why we ask you to tell a teacher immediately if you see anything that is not appropriate or that you are not sure about.
- The School and Angus Council have no control over the information you get on the internet and so cannot be sure whether that information is true or accurate. Your teachers can help you use information properly.
- The School and Angus Council need to take sensible precautions to protect your safety and security while you are using the internet. Use may be monitored. For example, we might keep a record of all the web-sites that have been visited. We can also tell who has visited these from our Login username records. We might need to look at e-mails sent or received. We would only do this if we thought it was necessary to protect you or others or if we thought that the internet Rules or a law had been broken.
- If you break any of these Internet Rules, or cause damage to school equipment, then we might stop you from using school computers and the internet.

Useful Websites for ICT Safety

www.safekids.com
www.cyberangels.org
www.safe4teens.com
www.kidshield.com

www.getnetwise.org
www.webwisekids.com
www.chatdanger.com
www.bullying.co.uk



Be Safe on the Internet

A guide to pupils and parents/carers



Angus Council Print & Design Unit



Introduction

Angus Council has made a large number of computers available for use by pupils in Schools, many of which can be used for e-mail and connecting to the Internet. The Internet offers access to a large amount of valuable information for use in school work and projects. As well as educational sites there is access to online libraries and art galleries etc, and the Internet provides opportunities for cooperation with others throughout the world.

The computers are provided and maintained for the benefit of all pupils. Pupils are encouraged to use and enjoy these resources in a responsible manner and in accordance with guidelines which are easily understood and agreed.

Damage or inappropriate use of the facilities being offered may harm their education. Accordingly, the use of computer equipment and access to the Internet within schools is to be regarded as a privilege, not a right.

Internet Rules & Safety

In order to ensure that all pupils are safe and don't misuse computers within the School, pupils must agree to follow these rules:

Remember to...

- ✓ **Treat people properly and with respect at all times when online**
(You would not like someone being nasty with you or saying things about you that were not true)
- ✓ **Respect privacy and confidentiality**
(You would not like other people sending information about you to strangers you did not know)
- ✓ **Use appropriate language**
(You would not like someone sending you messages that included bad language)
- ✓ **Avoid using work that has been created by someone else unless you are given permission to do so**
(You would not like someone copying work you had worked hard to create. If you are in doubt whether you can copy something, ask your teacher)
- ✓ **Inform a teacher immediately if you receive any message from another person which you are not happy about**
(If there is anything worrying or upsetting you, your teacher will help to sort it out)
- ✓ **Inform a teacher immediately if you accidentally access or receive information or images that are clearly inappropriate or that you are not sure about**
(Occasionally problems can arise and we can sort them out as soon as you tell us... and you won't get into trouble)

Remember...

- ✗ **Not to use abusive, vulgar or any other inappropriate language**
(If someone complains, the school can find out who you are using your Login username)
- ✗ **Not to, for your own safety, reveal your personal address, postcode, telephone number or other personal details**
(You would not like strangers pestering you with phone calls or asking you to meet after school)
- ✗ **Not to reveal the personal address, postcode, telephone number or other personal details of other pupils or staff**
(You are not allowed to reveal other people's personal information)
- ✗ **Not to reveal your personal password to anyone else or allow someone else to use it**
(If someone else is using the computer system as you, then they can change or delete all of your work without you knowing)
- ✗ **Not to attempt to log onto the computer/network using another person's ID**
(Such behaviour would suggest that you were trying to look at, or change someone else's work)
- ✗ **Not to use the network for anything other than your school work, for example, to try to buy or sell things**
(School systems are provided for educational purposes only and this rule is also for your own security)
- ✗ **Not to install additional software or other programmes on the computer/network or try to make changes to the way the computer/network operates**
(This could cause serious damage to the computer/network and could badly affect your work and the work of others)
- ✗ **Not to engage in general online 'chat' activities unless these have been allowed by your teacher**
(Some types of online chatting are not appropriate on school systems)