

ICT Use Agreement

(Years 4-6)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) includes the use of computers, the college network, to the Internet, digital/video cameras and scanners.

*At John Butler Primary College computers are used to enhance teaching and learning in several ways:
For communicating with other people, for publishing students' work, for research and learning basic skills.*

Dear Parents/Guardians

In an effort to develop a responsible attitude within our students when using computers and other electronic equipment, an agreement outlining some basic rules has been created. This agreement is a promise to behave courteously, cooperatively and appropriately in all situations when using electronic equipment. Teachers will discuss the rules outlined but we would appreciate your support in discussing them further with your child. Students and parents may sign the agreement then return it to college to be signed by the teacher. Students will be permitted to use computers in the college once this agreement has been signed and returned.

(Note: while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department of Education and Training to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content when using the Department's Online Services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. The Department cannot filter Internet content accessed by your child from home or from other locations away from school. The Department recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software.)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Principal

General Use

The agreement we follow at John Butler Primary College when using computers are:

1. I will use the college's electronic devices only with the permission of the teacher.
2. I will follow all instructions from the teacher when using any electronic device.
3. When I am using ICT I will use my time effectively and do only the task I am meant to be doing.
4. I will work co-operatively when I am using ICT.
5. I will take care of the college's hardware and software.
6. I will only use college software.
7. I will start and shut-down the devices correctly.
8. I will not use the college's equipment for anything which is against the law, is wasteful of resources or which would inconvenience other people; for example
 - Printing more copies than I need.
 - Print directly from the internet.
 - Downloading large files which slow down the network. ie music, video, live sites/games, streaming.
 - Change the setting on computers. For example: Change the device background and rearrange the program icons.
 - Damage or disable devices or any part of the network.
9. I will log off when I have finished my work or shut down if I am the last user of the day
10. I will keep my password/s to myself, not seek the passwords of others or change the passwords of other people.
11. I will only work on my own tasks and store it in my folder/file or on my own removable disk. I will not log on to or use any account other than my own.
12. The thumb drive I use will ONLY have school related files saved on the removable disk.
13. I will scan my USB drive for viruses before I start using it on the school system.
14. (Year 6 only) I am aware that viruses can be spread between computers through e-mail and using thumb drives that have not been checked by virus scanning software and I will check with my teacher before using a removable disk/thumb drive on a school computer.

Online Use – (Including Internet, and Email)

15. I will not let others access my online account or access the account of another person.
16. I will only access web sites that are relevant to the information I need for college and have been approved by my teacher.
17. If I see or hear anything on a web site that I am unhappy with or unsure of, I will click the Home button and tell my teacher immediately.
18. When I use the DET portal for e-mail, forum boards or supervised chat rooms the messages I send will be polite and sensible and I will not be unkind or inappropriate about another person.
19. I will **not** give out any personal information about **myself or others** unless I have permission from a teacher. eg. name, address, phone number, photographs, parents names etc...
20. If I receive any messages that I do not like/are inappropriate I will tell a teacher immediately.
21. I know that the school may check my computer files, may monitor the Internet sites I visit and access all my incoming and outgoing emails and that I am responsible for anything that happens when my online account is being used.
22. If I use material in my work that I have found on the internet I will say where it comes from and only use it if I have permission to do so.
23. I will not copy other people's work into my work, and call it my own. This includes pictures and information I find on the Internet and CD-ROMs. (Copyright Regulations)
24. I know that if I break any of these rules, then I will be unable to use the computers at college. I will need to re-negotiate how or if may be allowed to use the college computer system.
25. I know that I may be legally liable for misuse of the computer and that the police may be contacted.

As a responsible computer user at John Butler Primary College. I will follow the above rules.

We have read this policy and agree to abide by the conditions and consequences stated in this policy.

Student's Name: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Form: _____

Parent/Carer's Signature: _____ Date: _____