

YORKSWOOD SCHOOL

POLICY

Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Agreement



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Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within school and outside of school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

What am I agreeing to?

Pupils' Acceptable Use Agreement

Yorkswood ensures that pupils have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect pupils to agree to be responsible users.

The Pupils' Acceptable Use Agreement content will be shared with pupils in an age appropriate way at the beginning of each academic year. While pupils will not be expected to sign the document, we will ensure that the agreement remains live and that sanctions are applied where appropriate.

This pupils' acceptable use agreement is intended to ensure that;

- young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

Parents can access the pupil acceptable use agreement via the school's website.

Parents/Carer should be aware that;

- *school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with your son/daughter and that they have received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.*
- school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems in school.
- school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

- your son/daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and we will contact you if we have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

Parents/Carers Recording of Digital Images at Presentations

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents/carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their own child at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published/made publicly available on social networking sites such as facebook, nor should parents/carers comment on any activities involving other students/pupils in the digital/video images. Parents may publish photos of their own child so long as no other children are in the image.

Where there has been a breach of this request, parents or carers may be asked not to bring photographic equipment to school performances.

Class Dojo

Yorkswold uses Class Dojo as a blog and a method of communication between parents and teachers. Parents/Carers are encouraged to interact with Class Dojo's and comment on posts.

Language and messages uploaded to Class Dojo must be appropriate and not offensive. ***Where there is a breach of this agreement, access to Class Dojo may be removed.***

Parents/carers can communicate with their class teacher or the school through Class Dojo messages. However, for most messaging, including absence reporting and requests for information or clarification, parents should ring school or contact the class teacher in person.

Your Agreement is Assumed

Your agreement to this document will be assumed with the school having shared copies through digital media and the school website.

Parents will be notified of the existence of this agreement and access points will be signposted. Where parents require a paper copy, one can be requested from the school's office.