



Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

The aim of this AUP is to ensure that all Wexford Educate Together pupils, teachers and Internet users will benefit from learning and communication opportunities offered by the school internet resources in a safe and effective manner. Internet use and access is considered a school resource and privilege. Therefore, if the school AUP is not adhered to, this privilege will be withdrawn.

School and parents representatives will revise the AUP regularly. Before signing please read the AUP carefully to indicate the content is acceptable and understood.

School Strategy

- Internet sessions will be supervised by a teacher or responsible adult.
- Websites will be previewed before being integrated into lessons.
- Access will be allowed only to a listed range of approved sites.
- Filtering software will be used to block inappropriate material.
- Pupil's internet usage will be monitored regularly.
- Training in research techniques specific to this internet will be provided.
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved software will not be permitted.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- The use of personal USB memory sticks or CD-ROMs in the school requires teacher's permission.

World Wide Web

- Pupils will use the internet for educational purposes only.
- Pupils will not publish personal information-names, addresses, phone numbers etc.
- Pupils will not interfere with another person's files, username and password.
- Pupils will not upload, download or transmit material that is copyrighted.
- Pupils will visit approved sites only.
- Pupil will report any objectionable material to a teacher or supervisor.
- Pupils use of the web will be monitored.

E-Mail

- Pupils use of e-mail will be with the teacher's permission and under supervision.
- Internet Chatrooms will not be used except for possible discussion forums on Scoilnet-the internet portal for Irish Education.

School Website www.wexfordeducatetogether.ie

- Pupils will be given the opportunity to publish projects, artwork or school work on the website.
- The publication of this work will be co-ordinated by a teacher/responsible adult.

- Pupils work will appear in an educational context on the web with a copyright notice prohibiting copying of their work without express written permission.
- Photographs of individual pupils will not include any personal information such as name, address, age etc. on the school website.
- Photographs will focus on group activities.
- Personal pupil information including home addresses and contact details will be omitted from the school web pages.
- The pupil will continue to own the copyright on any work published.

Data Protection Act

- The Data Protection Act 1998 was passed to deal with privacy issues arising from the increasing amount of personal information contained on computers. In accordance with the Act, the school will only publish pupil information that is relevant to the context of the webpage. Parents will be informed about pupil information on the school website.

Sanctions

- Misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action, including written warnings and withdrawal of access privileges. Wexford ETNS also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.