



Derryoobur National School Policies

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Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) – Internet & ICT Usage

1. Introduction

The use of technology in **Derryoobur National School** is an integral part of teaching and learning. The **Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** aims to ensure that students engage with **ICT (Information and Communication Technology)** responsibly, respectfully, and safely. This policy aligns with the **Children First Act 2015, the Data Protection Act 2018, and GDPR regulations.**

2. Purpose of this Policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect **students, teachers, and the school community** from inappropriate, illegal, or unsafe use of technology.
- Ensure **safe, supervised, and educational use** of the internet, school devices, and online platforms.
- Foster responsible **digital citizenship and critical thinking.**
- Prevent **cyberbullying, plagiarism, and inappropriate content sharing.**

3. Scope of this Policy

Derryoobur National School has **approximately 30 iPads** available for student use as part of our ICT integration in learning. This policy applies to:

- **All students and staff** using ICT within the school.
- **All school-provided devices**, including computers, tablets, and interactive whiteboards.
- **Internet access via the school network.**
- **Any use of personal devices** (if permitted) within school grounds.

4. Acceptable Uses of Technology

Students are expected to:

- Use school technology **for educational purposes only**.
- Respect **other users, privacy, and intellectual property**.
- **Follow teacher instructions** when using digital resources and tools.
- Report any **technical issues, security concerns, or inappropriate content** immediately to a teacher.
- Be mindful of **digital footprints** and online safety.

5. Unacceptable Uses of Technology

Students must not:

- Use school devices to access **inappropriate or harmful content**.
- Use school technology for **personal social media or messaging apps**.
- Download or install software without permission.
- Engage in **cyberbullying, online harassment, or discriminatory behaviour**.
- **Share personal details** online, including photos or videos, without consent.
- **Access or alter school records, systems, or network settings**.

6. Supervision & Internet Filtering

- The school uses **web filtering software** (aligned with the Department of Education's Broadband Network) to **block inappropriate websites**.
- **Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat are not available on the school Wi-Fi**.
- **Only educational content on YouTube is accessible** through the school's internet.
- **Teachers supervise** student internet use in the classroom.
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7. Personal Devices & BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

- **Students are not permitted** to bring personal devices (phones, tablets) unless required for **specific learning activities** and with **teacher approval**.
- If a student **misuses a personal device**, it may be confiscated and returned only to parents/guardians.

8. Email & Online Communication

- Students may use school-approved email services for **learning purposes only**.
- All communication must be **polite, respectful, and relevant to schoolwork**.
- Students must **not engage with strangers online** or share personal details.

9. Cyberbullying & Online Safety

- The school has a **zero-tolerance policy** for cyberbullying.
- Any incidents of cyberbullying will be **reported, investigated, and dealt with as per the Anti-Bullying Policy**.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to **monitor their child's internet use at home**.

10. Consequences for Breaching the AUP

Breaches of this policy may result in:

- **A verbal or written warning.**
- **Loss of ICT privileges** for a period of time.
- **Parental notification and meeting.**
- **Further disciplinary action**, in line with the **Code of Behaviour**.

11. Review & Policy Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed **annually** to ensure it remains up to date with **technological advancements and best practices**.

12. Policy Approval

This **Acceptable Use Policy** has been prepared by the **Principal** and approved by the **Board of Management**.

Signed:

Chairperson, Board of Management: _____

Principal, Derryoover National School:



Date:

19 February 2025
