



Student Use of Technology and Internet Agreement Kindergarten to Year 6

The Internet is a powerful means of communication. The availability of resources via technology and the Internet provides the opportunity for schools to assist children to develop to their full potential. Technology provides significant educational value, but can pose a risk of exposure to inappropriate and offensive material and personal safety.

In accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the practice of communication must be very honest and reflect the highest standard of accountability and sensitivity to human rights and relationships. In the past, we have been made aware of students using social media sites inappropriately and creating websites containing personal information and photographs. All parents need to speak with their children about this potentially dangerous activity.

At St Jerome's Primary School, all children using ICT equipment **must abide by a set of rules** designed to minimise their exposure to inappropriate material and ensure they use the Internet in a responsible manner.

Unacceptable use of technology of the Internet may result in a child being banned from using the school network and facilities for a period of time. Other consequences may also be imposed.

Parents and the school work in partnership in order to provide a safe environment for the children and minimise their exposure to inappropriate material. Parents can ensure their children are using these facilities appropriately at home by:

- Adequately supervising children when they are browsing the net.
- Talking openly with children about Internet safety.
- Monitoring their children's access to all types of live electronic communications (i.e. chat rooms, instant messages, social networking sites, geotagging etc.),
- Installing a software filter package, on the home computer.
- Frequently remind children never to give out personal information or to construct their own websites where personal information and/or photos are available to all.

One-to-one supervision may not be possible all the time and therefore it is at this point that family, school and Christian values along with virtuous behaviour, such as respect for self and others, takes over.

St Jerome's Primary School is committed to providing an environment that includes the use of technology to help students become skilful learners and innovators who use digital tools to support and develop skills related to creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and digital citizenship.

Parent / Guardian Agreement

1. I agree to allow my child to access technology and the Internet at St Jerome's Primary School.
2. I expect that adequate supervision will always be available when my child is using technology.
3. I have explained to my child that they should click on the Home button and inform the teacher if they encounter any material on technology or the Internet that makes them feel uncomfortable at any time.
4. I have discussed with my child the importance of respecting property (computers / iPads, etc) and treating all items with care.
5. I have discussed with my child that they should not attempt to download any software or apps onto school computers or iPads.
6. My child is aware that he / she should never give out personal information, including a photograph, their phone number, last name, school or home address when using technology or the Internet.
7. I will frequently remind children never to give out personal information or to construct their own websites where personal information and/or photos are available to all.
8. I will support the decisions and consequences that may be imposed by the school on my son / daughter for inappropriate use of the Internet or technology.

Student Agreement

All children in Years 3 - 6 must also sign the agreement to show they understand the following rules when using computers, iPads / personal devices and the Internet.

When using the Internet at St Jerome's Primary School **I will:**

- Tell my teacher if I see anything that looks rude, has bad language in it, is sexist or racist.
- Handle all equipment with care.
- Follow my teacher's instructions carefully.
- Use the network safely.
- Acknowledge the source of all information and pictures I use in work.

When using the Internet at St Jerome's Primary School **I will not:**

- Enter details about myself, the school or other people on the Web. Examples are: my full name, the name of our school, phone numbers and addresses and photographs.
- Download any software or apps on to a school computer or iPad without approval.



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Thank you for your support and cooperation. Students will not be allowed to use the internet at school until this signed agreement has been returned to their class teacher.

By signing this agreement you agree to support the school in the use of technology and the Internet for education purposes and agree to the use of technology and the Internet by your child. You acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to follow all responsibilities and expectations as outlined in the St Jerome's Primary School Student Use of Technology and Internet Agreement.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Student Class: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Students in **Year 3 to Year 6 must also sign this agreement** to indicate they understand the expectations placed upon them.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____

**This page should be signed and returned to school by Friday, Week 1.
All other pages should be kept by parents / guardians.**