



INTERNET SAFETY, MEDIA PERMISSION & RESPONSIBLE USE OF IT IN ABERDEENSHIRE SCHOOLS

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of Strathburn School's Information and Communication Technology (Curriculum/Activity) we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet, the global network of computers you will have read about and seen on television.

Before being allowed to use the Internet at school, all pupils must obtain parental / guardian permission and both they and you must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and your and their acceptance of Strathburn School's Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

Access to the Internet will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with other Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Strathburn School uses Internet for Learning as its Internet Services Provider (ISP). Internet for Learning uses the latest screening techniques to prevent access to all categories of unsuitable, offensive and inflammatory Internet materials. During school hours, teachers will supervise, guide and support pupils in using the Internet and in finding and using appropriate materials.

You should also be aware that monitoring software, which will record Internet activity, will also be in use in schools.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, no supervision or screening policy can guarantee complete security

We would be grateful if you could read the enclosed guidance documents.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Milne  
Head Teacher