

Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School

Internet Policy

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Signature of chairman

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Philosophy

We believe that the use of the Internet in school can be used to support teaching and learning across the curriculum. It can be used to provide access to educational resources and information, support the professional work of staff and enhance the school's management and administration systems.

As a school we aim to:

- provide children and staff access to the Internet that is protected by age appropriate filters.
- provide access to e-mail facilities for children and staff by providing staff with their own e-mail address and children with a class e-mail address, if requested.
- protect all users from undesirable materials by using the regularly updated NYCC firewall.
- make children aware of the uses, advantages and disadvantages of the Internet.
- make children aware of issues of security and confidentiality when using the Internet and teach them to immediately switch off the monitor and tell an adult if they see something which upsets them.
- reduce the risk of children seeing undesirable material by using only web sites which have **recently** been checked for content by an adult.
- all activities are checked beforehand and undertaken under a layered password system.

All activities undertaken using the Internet in school;

- should be for professional activities of the staff or for children's education.
- must adhere to copyright laws when using material found on the Internet.
- must not be for financial gain, political purposes or advertising.