

Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School

Computing Policy

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Signature of chairperson

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Philosophy

We believe in providing our children with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to select and use appropriate technology in a rapidly changing world where our lives are constantly being transformed by Computing. This will support children in becoming creative, reflective and independent learners.

We recognise that the use of Computing enhances teaching and learning across the curriculum by enabling rapid access to knowledge, information and experiences from a wide range of sources. Computing provides children with opportunities to explore, question and make sense of the world around them.

We believe that in order for children and adults to be effective users of Computing then they must have access to up to date Computing hardware and software. We know that the use of Computing extends beyond the use of computers and as such aim to provide children and staff with a wide range of resources to support teaching and learning in all areas of the curriculum.

As a school we aim to:

- prepare our children to use Computing in their everyday lives now and in the future both for work and leisure.
- teach children basic Computing skills using appropriate hardware and software which children can then use to support and enhance their learning across the curriculum.
- plan an enjoyable, purposeful and integrated Computing curriculum in line with the National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.
- encourage children to discuss the selection of Computing equipment most suitable for a task and to discuss where Computing is not the most appropriate option.
- make children aware of the uses, advantages and disadvantages of Computing in the world around us and its growing significance in society.
- make children aware of issues of security and confidentiality when using Computing.
- use Computing as a tool for teaching and learning across the curriculum, identifying in subject planning where Computing is to be used.

- provide equal opportunities for all children to access Computing, through curriculum activities and after school clubs.
- provide children with opportunities to use a wide range of up to date Computing hardware and software resources to support all areas of the curriculum throughout the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One.
- regularly review hardware and software provision in line with the Computing Action Plan.

Acceptable use statement

Our school computer network is to be used by children to further their education and by staff for their professional activities including teaching, research, administration and management.

The installation of software or hardware not authorised by the school, whether legitimately licensed or not is expressly forbidden.

The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer systems or to monitor any Internet sites visited.

Please also refer to our internet use policy.