



Dear Parent/Carer

All pupils use computer facilities including Internet access as an essential part of learning, as required by the National Curriculum. Your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources. This includes access to:

- Computers, laptops, iPads and other digital devices
- Internet which may include search engines and educational websites and Learning Platforms
- Digital cameras, web cams and video cameras
- Recorders

Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery recognise the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting children's learning and development and offers a fantastic range of positive activities and experiences. However, we also recognise there are potential risks involved when using online technology and therefore have developed online safety policies and procedures alongside the schools safeguarding measures.

The school takes responsibility for your child's online safety very seriously and, as such, we ensure that pupils are educated about safe use of technology and will take every reasonable precaution to ensure that pupils cannot access inappropriate materials whilst using school equipment. The children are taught how to stay safe digitally as a regular part of the curriculum. Safe Surfers promote digital safety across our school and children are closely supervised when using devices.

However, no system can be guaranteed to be 100% safe and the school cannot be held responsible for the content of materials accessed through the internet and the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the school's internet and ICT facilities.

Full details of the school's Acceptable Use Policy and online safety policy are available on the school website <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/> or on request.

We request that all parents/carers support the school's approach to online safety by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour for their child and by discussing online safety with them whenever they access technology at home. Parents/carers can visit the school website's <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/>

for more information about the school's approach to online safety as well as to access useful links to support both you and your child in keeping safe online at home. Parents/carers may also like to visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk, www.childnet.com, www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety, www.saferinternet.org.uk and www.internetmatters.org for more information about keeping children safe online

Whilst the school monitors and manages technology use in school we believe that children themselves have an important role in developing responsible online behaviours. In order to support the school in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, we request that you read the attached Acceptable Use Policy with your child and that you and your child discuss the content and return the attached slip. Hopefully, you will also find this Acceptable Use Policy provides you with an opportunity for conversations between you and your child about safe and appropriate use of the technology, both at school and at home.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We understand that your child is too young to give informed consent on his/ her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision-making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful way to achieve this.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Day
Acting Headteacher



Herne Bay Infant School & Seashells Nursery

Parent/Carers Acceptable Use Policy

1. I have read and discussed Herne Bay Infants School and Seashell Nursery Acceptable Use Policy with my child.
2. I know that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet, both in and out of school.
3. I am aware that any internet and computer use using school equipment may be monitored for safety and security reasons, to safeguard both my child and the schools' systems. This monitoring will take place in accordance with data protection (including GDPR) and human rights legislation.
4. I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.
5. I understand that if the school has any concerns about my child's safety online, either at school or at home, then I will be contacted.
6. I understand that if my child does not abide by the school Acceptable Use Policy then sanctions will be applied in line with the school policies including behaviour, online safety and anti-bullying policy. If the school believes that my child has committed a criminal offence, then the Police will be contacted.
7. I, together with my child, will support the school's approach to online safety and will not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community.
8. I know that I can speak to the school Designated Safeguarding Leads Helen Day, Leigh Bryant, Linzi Bradbury and Fiona Wood or my child's teacher if I have any concerns about online safety.
9. I will visit the school website www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk for more information about the school's approach to online safety as well as to access useful links to support both myself and my child in keeping safe online at home.
10. I will visit the following websites for more information about keeping my child(ren) safe online:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents,
www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
www.internetmatters.org
www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.childnet.com
11. I will support the school and my child by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour (such as sharing images, text and video responsibly) and by discussing online safety with them when they access technology at home.

I have read, understood and agree to comply with the Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery Acceptable Use Policy.

Child's Name..... Class.....

Parents Name.....

Parents Signature.....Date.....