

Ribble Drive Primary School



Acceptable Use Policy

Article 17 - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources.

Ribble Drive Primary School encourages and supports the positive use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to develop curriculum and learning opportunities in schools and settings. Nevertheless, it is essential that the use of ICT and online tools is carefully managed to ensure that all members of the school community are kept safe as well as their data and that risks or dangers are recognised and mitigated.

Ribble Drive Primary School use a "filtered" Internet Service provided by In4Tech which will minimise the chances of pupils encountering undesirable material. Ribble Drive will only allow children to use the Internet when there is a responsible adult present to supervise. However, it is unrealistic to suppose that the teacher's attention will always be directed toward the computer screen or iPad. Members of staff will be aware of the potential for misuse, and will be responsible for explaining to pupils the expectation we have of pupils in line with the school rules and online policy. The school is currently transitioning to become a WebSafe school.

Expectations of Pupils and Staff using the Internet

To ensure the highest possible levels of e-safety, Ribble Drive Primary School has high expectations for its staff and pupils:

- All staff are expected to read, understand and agree to the Staff's Acceptable Use Policy, which clearly outlines the school's expectations.
- All pupils and staff are expected to be responsible for their own behaviour on the Internet, just as they are anywhere else in school. This includes materials they choose to access, and language they use.
- Pupils and staff using the World Wide Web are expected not to deliberately seek out offensive materials.

Should any pupils or staff encounter any such material accidentally, they are expected to report it immediately to the Head Teacher, or a senior member of staff, so that the Service Provider can block further access to the site. Children can also report any material to any member of staff in school, who will pass this information to the Headteacher or a DSL.

Website and Social Media

Ribble Drive Primary School prides itself on its informative and regularly updated website which offers a vital link between school and the parents of the children attending it. To ensure the website remains a safe and

friendly environment, this platform will be checked by the Head Teacher and the Website Governor to ensure that there is no content that compromises the safety of pupils or staff.

Additionally, the staff at Ribble Drive will follow a number of other guidelines:

- Staff will only post photographs of children whose parents have provided permissions for such posts.
- Staff will not publish the names of children and will endeavour to blur or block out any information seen to be contravening GDPR regulations.

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