



Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Our Commitment

At Merrylands Primary School, we use technology to support learning and keep children safe. We ask parents and carers to help us promote safe, sensible and respectful online behaviour at home as well as in school.

1. Safe and Responsible Use

I will support my child to:

- Use technology safely and respectfully.
- Tell an adult if something online worries or upsets them.
- Follow the same behaviour expectations online as they would in person.

2. Devices at Home

I will:

- Supervise my child's use of devices, apps, games and online content.
- Use parental controls and safe-search where possible.
- Talk to my child about online risks, including social media, messaging and AI tools.

3. Devices in School

I understand:

- Pupils must not use personal devices (phones, smart watches, tablets) during the school day.
- Any device brought into school must follow school rules.

4. Communication from School

I understand:

- Staff will only contact pupils using approved school systems.
- If my child receives unexpected or unapproved messages, I will report it to school immediately.

5. Positive Online Behaviour (Parents & Carers)

I will:

- Be a good role model in my own online behaviour.
- Not post negative or harmful comments about staff, pupils or parents.
- Keep phones away while on the school site unless necessary.

6. Photos and Videos

I will:

- Only take photos/video at school events if permitted.
- Not share images of other children on social media.
- Understand that the school will only use my child's image publicly if I have given consent.

7. Learning from Home

In the event of remote learning, if my child is on a school video call, I will ensure:

- They are dressed and in an appropriate space.
- The background is neutral or blurred where possible.

8. Online Tutors

If I arrange tutoring, I will ensure:

- Tutors are safe, reputable and supervised where possible.
- Sessions take place in shared family spaces.

9. Internet Safety at Home

I will:

- Use settings, filters and controls on devices, consoles and apps.
- Encourage balanced screen time (e.g., “Digital 5-a-Day”).
- Use child-friendly search tools if needed (e.g., Swiggle, YouTube Kids).

10. Location Trackers

- I will not use AirTags or other tracking devices during the school day or on school trips.

11. Supporting the Pupil AUP

I understand:

- My child has their own AUP.
- School consequences apply if rules are broken.

Questions or Concerns

If I need help or advice about online safety, I know I can speak to my child’s class teacher or the school office.

Parent/Carer Agreement

I/we have read and agree to this Parent Acceptable Use Policy.

Parent name(s): _____

Parent/Carer of: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____