

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of [Malmesbury Primary School](#) to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online.

We tell your children that **they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network.**

“Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face.”

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Malmesbury Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and to help prepare the children for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials.
3. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in school, including during any remote learning periods.
4. I understand that my child might be contacted online on Google Classroom and only about their learning. This is most likely to be through an after-school club ‘class’ such as German club or choir. Homework may be set for children through Google classroom, particularly in UKS2. All classes are overseen and monitored by the online safety lead.
5. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other’s images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
6. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school’s social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
7. I will follow the school’s digital images and video policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people’s children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The

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school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.

8. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety. Including: safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talk to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics such as online bullying and safe sharing of information.
9. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content.
10. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children.
11. If I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school, I will contact Malmesbury Primary School for some help and advice.

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**I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.**

**If you do not, or you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Mr Donegan or Miss Norman**