

The Internet

The Internet is an exciting and powerful tool for students to research information for both academic assignments as well as their own personal interests. As part of our curriculum, pupils have controlled access to the Internet and learn how to use libraries, databases and information sources on a wide variety of topics. We recognise that some inappropriate material on the Internet may be accessed intentionally or by accident. To guard against this we use a filtered service which regularly monitors web sites and automatically blocks student access to inappropriate materials. We teach students the importance of responsible use of the web as well as providing basic rules to maintain the privacy of students. At all times, pupils must agree to follow the Rules for Responsible Internet Use summarised at the end of this letter. To ensure the privacy of your child, the blogs etc. will make sure:

- A student's last name is never published. Permission to publish work will always be gained from the student
- If a contact person is needed for a project, this will be the teacher, not the student.
- No identifying material will be posted on the Internet (such as personal phone numbers, home addresses, and individual pictures with the student's first and last names.)
- If class pictures are posted, it may mention names but not which individuals are standing where in the picture
- Class pictures will generally include at least three or more students
- If individual pictures are posted of students, it will not include their name
- Video clips will be brief and not contain the names of the children

To enable your son/daughter to use and contribute to the Internet please read and discuss the Rules for Responsible Internet Use and return the attached form. The Internet will be freely available to all students during normal teaching activities and during the supervised clubs or free time. If you have any further queries, then please do not hesitate to contact school.

Permission for Internet Use and Access Parent / Guardian's Consent for Internet Access

I have read and understood the school Rules for Responsible Internet Use and give permission for my son / daughter to access the Internet. I understand that if he/she fails to follow the Rules for Responsible Internet Use access will be withdrawn and I shall be informed of this and any further appropriate action which may be taken. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure pupils cannot access inappropriate materials. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. I accept responsibility for setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media, and acknowledge that they will be deemed to be accountable for their own actions. I agree that the school is not liable for any loss or damages howsoever arising from use of the Internet facilities.

Consent for Publication of Work, Educational Activities and Photographs

Photographs and children's work are a wonderful way of keeping a record of what happens at school. It is also a way of sharing with others the schools activities and achievements.

I agree that, if selected, my son/daughter's work may be published on the school Web site or elsewhere such as our school's Facebook Page, Twitter. I understand that no child's work will ever be used without his/her permission. I also agree that photographs that include my son/daughter may be published in the media, subject to the school rules that photographs will not clearly identify individuals and that full names will not be used. I am aware that no personal information will be made public and that the school will maintain strict confidentiality of personal information.

Consent for Video / Digital Recordings of Performances

I give permission for the school to use video / digital recordings of my son / daughter when taking part in performances, work led projects and to appear in recordings of school trips. I give permission for these videos/ digital recordings to be posted on the school website regularly and other mediums such as our school's facebook page or twitter intermittently to celebrate our curriculum and learning. I also give permission to the school to sell copies of the video recording and/or digital photographs to other families, carers and parents. This permission will also include the video recording by the school and by other parents/carers. As a parent you would agree not to use these recordings on social media without seeking the permission from the families involved. I give permission for my son / daughter to wear 'make-up' for school productions and performances. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent, then you must inform the school in writing.

Consent for the sale of Class / Group / Team Photographs

I agree to allow my child to be photographed with their class/group/team. I understand that my child's class/group/team photograph will be offered for sale to myself and other parents. I agree photographs that include my son/daughter may be published in the press, school website etc. subject to the school rules that photographs will not clearly identify individuals and that full names will not be used. I am aware that no personal information will be made public and that the school will maintain strict confidentiality of personal information. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent, then you must inform the school in writing.

Taking Photographs in School for personal family use.

The Governing Body of Bretherton Primary School recognise the importance of recording treasured moments and memories of children during their education within our school. In many cases when photographs are taken in school capturing educational moments, they provide much pleasure to parents and extended families. The Governing Body accept, on trust, that all photographs and videos are for personal use and must not be published without the written consent of school.

- Photos and videos taken purely for personal use are exempt from the Data Protection Act. Personal use:
- A parent takes a photograph of their child and some friends taking part in the school Sports Day to be put in the family photo album. These images are for personal use and the Data Protection Act does not apply.
- Grandparents are invited to the school nativity play and wish to video it. These images are for personal use and the Data Protection Act does not apply.

I agree to the above and will strictly adhere to the agreement in full. I also accept that my child may appear of the photographs and videos taken by the parents of other children, whose children are taking part in the same event. I will not use these images on social media without seeking permission from the families involved. This is vitally important particularly because of our vulnerable children such as adopted and fostered and separated families which at best could be upsetting for the families and at worst dangerous.

Media Usage

I give permission for Bretherton Primary School members of staff to take or arrange for my child to be photographed, filmed or videoed by or for the media (eg the press, television, internet, social media, youtube) and for the child's name to be released for publication such that the child might be identified as an individual or as part of a small group.

Consent to taste food in school during taster sessions

I confirm that my child has no food allergies

I agree to allow my child to taste food in school during food taster sessions

I understand that the food may be prepared by both staff and children, normally under the supervision of the teacher or teaching assistant.

I confirm that my child may taste all foods.

For Children with Food Allergies

I confirm that my child is allergic to certain food types and I have informed the school office.

I confirm that my child is aware of their allergy.

I confirm that depending on their age, wherever possible my child can manage for themselves -- their own intake of foods -what food types they can and cannot eat.

I confirm that I will speak to the class teacher and the office manage about the allergies.

Parent / Carers Permission Consent to use the 'Peer massage ' programme (2017/18 onwards)

Children will have the opportunity to follow a peer massage programme under the guidance of trained staff to complement the government's Healthy Schools initiative.

Peer massage involves children massaging a partner in a very controlled way. It will involve only a few minutes in massaging hands or in drawing shapes on each other's backs. Children remain fully clothed during the session, wearing their school uniform. The teacher or assistant will demonstrate the massage techniques on themselves or on another adult and never on a child.

These sessions take place in the classroom as a whole class. The relaxation sessions help children to develop their self-confidence, concentration and creativity. No special clothing or equipment is used.

Consent for your child to work with parent helpers or visitors in school as and when staff feel it is beneficial to their learning (Safeguarding procedures always followed)

This will mainly in relation to our PHSE provision in school to work with school staff or visitors in relation to their development. This may include outside agencies such as NSPCC, Relax Kids, Coaching in schools and will be used in accordance with the planned provision in school at that time.

Participation is not compulsory but would be encouraged if we feel that there is a justifiable reason for including this within our curriculum. These will be part of our usual PHSE curriculum rather than interventions. If seen as interventions for a specific need, parents will be informed.

Local Excursions and events

We are asking for your permission to take the children out of the school on foot without a separate consent form being sent home for each minor excursion e.g. walking down the road to visit Church, walking down the road to look at local housing etc. You will be advised prior to the session when this will happen.