

# Shamblehurst Primary School

## Internet Policy

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### **Introduction**

The use of the Internet is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum. It is considered an invaluable resource that can help promote the professional development of staff and enrich the learning of children.

### **Safe access to the Internet**

The school aims to allow all children and staff access to the Internet. However, the Internet is a communications medium which is freely available to anyone who sees fit to use it and, as such, there will always be undesirable material available on it. The school has taken steps to ensure our school members are not able to access this material.

- Our Internet access is provided through a filtering system maintained by the school and Hampshire.
- Children will have supervised access to the Internet.
- Children will be taught guidelines about the safe use of the Internet, both in and outside school.
- Any unsuitable sites found will be reported to the ICT Technician who will block future access.
- Parents and children are requested to sign an E-Safety Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement, in line with Hampshire County Council guidelines.
- No personal information will be sent between children over the Internet and chat rooms are banned at all times.
- Pupils will not access personal e-mail or social networking sites at school.

Any school members who are not using the Internet in an acceptable and responsible manner or who contravene the provisions of this policy are committing a criminal offence as outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy

The Internet Policy will be reviewed annually in order to keep up with current practices.