Acceptable Use of the Internet 2016

Five Dock Public School

Background:

Internet

Five Dock Public School has over 45 computers with 24 hour access to the Internet via a high speed filtered ISDN link. All classrooms have Internet access, as does the Technology Centre, Information Centre/Library, staff room and all offices. The Internet is part of all of our lives and an important tool for teaching and learning.

All data that passes to the screen via the World Wide Web in schools is filtered by the NSW Department of Education and Communities' proxy server. Obviously, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. Therefore children using the Internet have certain responsibilities appropriate to their development regarding its appropriate use. Students are taught their responsibilities for the appropriate use of information technology.

- The primary purpose of the school’s Internet connection is educational. It is essential that everyone who uses the connection understands this.
- Students are responsible for good behaviour on the Internet just as they are in classrooms. General school rules for behaviour and communications apply. Students will therefore not make use of materials or attempt to find materials which would be unacceptable in a school setting.

Email

All students in NSW Public Schools have an email account.

School Network and Intranet

The school has an extensive network and intranet. All students have the opportunity to publish to this. They are able to view one another’s work across the entire network. Students and students’ work will only be identified by given name only.

The school’s website is at: http://www.fivedock-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The school’s email address is: fivedock-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The following pages contain the necessary agreements and permission notes that will enable your son or daughter to gain maximum benefit from the technology available to support and enhance their learning. These need to be signed by you and, in some cases your child.

PLEASE SIGN THE NOTE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY Friday, 12 FEBRUARY, 2016

RESPECT, PARTICIPATE, BELONG, ACHIEVE
USER AGREEMENT - 2016

It is expected that all students will comply with the specific rules for using the Internet set out below. Students are personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilising the school's computer network and Internet resources. They are advised never to access, keep, or send anything that they would not want their parents or teachers to see.

What are the rules?

- Permission - Students will not access the Internet without first asking the supervising teacher’s permission.
- E-mail - Students are not permitted to access the school’s email account. Nor are they permitted to set up private e-mail accounts from the school network.
- Privacy - Students are not permitted to give out personal information across the Internet.
- Storage capacity - Users are expected to remain within allocated disk space and only delete their own files.
- Copyright and copying - Students must never claim ownership of another person’s work. Digital information is still property. Users should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have permission from the Network Administrator. Nor should students copy other people’s work or intrude into other people's files.
- Inappropriate language and/or materials: Profane, abusive or impolite language should never be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the rules of school behaviour.

A good rule to follow is never view, send, or access materials which you would not want your teachers and/or parents to see.

Should students encounter such material by accident, it is expected they report it to their teacher immediately. Such material will be reported to the DEC for filtering.

Usage Agreement

I have read the information about the appropriate use of computers at the school and discussed it, where developmentally appropriate, with my child. I understand this agreement will be kept on file at the school.

Tick one box only: Note: if you select No, this will automatically prevent your child from accessing any of the other services. (Student email, Spelldome, Mathletics)

☐ My child may use the Internet while at school according to the rules outlined.

☐ I would prefer that my child not use the Internet while at school.

Parent/Caregiver Name (print) _________________________________

Parent Signature _________________________________ Date: ____________

USER AGREEMENT – TO BE SIGNED BY ALL CHILDREN IN YEARS 3-6

As a user of the School computer network, I agree to follow the rules stated above and to use the network and the Internet in a constructive manner. If I break the rules I will lose the privilege of using the school computer network and/or the internet.

Student Name (print) _________________________________ CLASS: ____________

Student Signature _________________________________ DATE: ____________

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