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## **Internet Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP)**

*This policy has been formulated by Gaelscoil Thulach na n-Óg to assist teachers, pupils and parents in making an informed decision in relation to the safe and practical use of technology in education.*

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- The use of personal memory sticks, CD-ROMs, or other digital storage media in school requires a teacher's permission.
- Students will treat others with respect at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.
- It is important that parents/guardians and pupils are aware of our Anti Bullying Policy in relation to social media;
  - Isolated or once-off incidents of intentional negative behaviour, including a once off offensive or hurtful text message or other private messaging, do not fall within the definition of bullying and should be dealt with, as appropriate, in accordance with the school's code of behaviour.
  - However, in the context of this policy, placing a once-off offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed annually by the following stakeholders:

- Board of Management, teaching staff, support staff, pupils, and parents

The school will monitor the impact of the policy using:

- Logs of reported incidents.
- Monitoring logs of internet activity (including sites visited).
- Internal monitoring data for network activity.
- Surveys and/or questionnaires of pupils.
- Surveys and/or questionnaires of pupils, parents, and teaching staff.

Should serious online safety incidents take place the Principal should be informed.

The implementation of this Internet Acceptable Use policy will be monitored by the Leadership & Management Team (Principal, Deputy Principal, and Management Team) and the Board of Management.

## Web Browsing and Downloading

Pupils will not intentionally visit internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.

Downloading materials or images not relevant to their studies, is in direct breach of the school's acceptable usage policy.

Downloading of gifs is not permitted in Microsoft Teams.

Pupils will report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in the classroom to their teacher.

Pupils will report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in school but outside the classroom to the Class Teacher who will in turn report to the Principal.

Pupils and staff will not copy information from the internet without acknowledging the creator and referencing the source of the content.

Pupils and staff will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management reasons.

Pupils will use the school's internet connection only for educational and career development activities.

Pupils will not engage in online activities such as uploading or downloading large files that result in heavy network traffic which impairs the service for other internet users.

Pupils will not download or view any material that is illegal, obscene, and defamatory or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.

- Use of file sharing and torrent sites is not allowed.
- Downloading by pupils of materials or images not relevant to their studies is not allowed.

## Personal Devices

Pupils using their own technology in school should follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if they were using school equipment.

The following statements apply to the use of internet-enabled devices such as tablets, gaming devices, and digital music players in Gaelscoil Thulach na nÓg:

- Pupils are only allowed to bring personal internet-enabled devices into Gaelscoil Thulach na nÓg with expressed permission from staff.
- Pupils are only allowed to use personal internet-enabled devices during lessons with expressed permission from teaching staff.

## Cyberbullying

When using the internet; pupils, parents and staff are expected to treat others with respect at all times.

Engaging in online activities with the intention to harm, harass, or embarrass another pupil or member of staff is an unacceptable and absolutely prohibited behaviour, with serious consequences and sanctions for those involved.

Measures are taken by Gaelscoil Thulach na nÓg to ensure that staff and pupils are aware that bullying is defined as unwanted negative behaviour, verbal, psychological or physical, conducted by an individual or group against another person (or persons) and which is repeated over time. This definition includes cyber-bullying even when it happens outside the school or at night.

Isolated or once-off incidents of intentional negative behaviour, including a once-off offensive or hurtful text message or other private messaging, do not fall within the definition of bullying and will be dealt with, as appropriate, in accordance with the school's code of behaviour.

The prevention of cyber bullying is an integral part of the anti-bullying policy of our school.

**Review:** This policy will be reviewed annually and regularly as technological advancements are made and will be updated in line with department guidelines.

**Ratification:** This policy was ratified by the BOM on 24/2/2025.

Signed:- Seán Ó Lúin

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Signed:- Seamus Caomhánach

Cathaoirleach an Bord Bainistíochta