

St Brigid's School



Cybersafety Procedures

St Brigid's School believes in a Digital Citizenship model for supporting safe and responsible use of the internet in teaching and learning. An important part of this is that we are able to show others what that responsible use looks like while we are using technology in our learning.

We think a good digital citizen is someone who;

- is a confident and capable user of ICT
- will use ICT for learning as well as other activities
- will think carefully about whether the information they see online is true
- will be able to speak the language of digital technologies
- understands that they may experience problems when using technology but can deal with them
- will always use ICT to communicate with others in positive ways
- will be honest and fair in all of their actions using ICT
- will always respect people's privacy and freedom of speech online
- will help others to become a better digital citizens.

Because we know this is important for us all, we ask everyone, the staff, students and volunteers working at the school to agree to use the internet and other technologies in a safe and responsible way by following the rules laid out in a Responsible Use Agreement like this one.

If someone cannot agree to act responsibly, or the things that they do mean that other people are being harmed, then we might stop them from using the internet or other technology at school.

This Cybersafety Student Agreement will be displayed and referred to by classroom teachers in their programmes. We would appreciate it if you would go through this Agreement with your child. Parents are asked to sign the Parent Declaration to show they are aware of the procedures and guidelines that we have in place to safeguard their child and their working on the Internet. These forms will be kept on file in classrooms and only students with signed Agreements will be able to use the computers in our school.

We take this opportunity to remind parents that some sites such as facebook, bebo and youtube (for uploading movies) have a 13 years and over restriction. We would like to encourage parents to therefore be aware of the sites your children use. We would also ask that you ensure that any school activities are not posted on these sites without permission from school.

We thank you for taking the time to discuss these matters with your child as they are important for use of the internet at home and at school.