

## *Keeping Our Children Safe When Using the Internet*

Internet safety is an integral part of our Health and Wellbeing programme. In addition to this, the following advice is given by West Lothian Council.

West Lothian Education Service implements software to provide protection from inappropriate material on the internet without impeding the acquisition of information. It must be recognised, however, that no protection can be absolutely guaranteed and, to this end, children must not actively seek inappropriate material and should any items which make them feel uncomfortable.



We have set out some internet rules for children to help minimise the possibility of accessing inappropriate material or communications. We shall explain these rules to each child before they access the Internet. We ask that you read these rules, for your own information, and also discuss them with your child.

## *Responsible Use Rules for Children*

When I use ICT and the Internet, I agree that:

- I will not try to find material that could be considered inappropriate.
- I will not use ICT or the Internet in such a way that will disrupt its use by others.
- I will tell a member of staff if I find a page, picture or message that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I will not communicate my address of phone number, or those of others.
- I will not post or send any messages or pictures which will make others feel threatened or uncomfortable.
- I will not post or send pictures of myself or others on the Internet or via email.
- I will remember that emails are not guaranteed to be private.
- I will not swear or use rude or threatening words.

**If I do not follow these rules, I understand that I may not be allowed access to the internet and the school may take further action.**

# Westfield Primary School



## Technologies

### *Information for Parents/Carers*



February 2017

## *Vision*

Our vision is to develop, in young people, knowledge, skills and informed attitudes in relation to Information and Communication Technology.

To achieve our vision, we will:

- develop I C T skills to make children confident users of technology.
- use information and communication technology to support Learning and Teaching across the curriculum in line with Curriculum for Excellence.
- encourage children to use I C T to collaborate with one another, take responsibility for their own learning and to solve problems.
- encourage children to use their imagination and promote creativity.



## *What will my child experience?*

Children will have the opportunity to:

- use software packages to develop graphics e.g. Kid Pix and Power Point
- develop word processing skills
- make use of telephone and email
- search and research using the World Wide Web and information CD's
- use databases and spreadsheets to collect and analyse information.
- use programmable toys and software



## *Which technologies might my child use?*

Computers - PC and Mac  
Laptops  
Smartboards  
Digital Video and Cameras  
Scanners  
Programmable toys  
Laminator  
Overhead Projector  
Fax Machines  
Software packages  
C.D.'s & CD ROMS  
Internet  
Visualisers  
Ipads and Ipods/MP3 players  
Microphones/Voice Recorders

## *How will technology help my child?*

By engaging in activities which use and develop ICT skills children will also improve:

- planning and organisational skills and learn how they can use technology to assist them with this
- collaboration skills
- communication skills
- creativity by using technology to build or design
- presentation skills
- collecting and collating evidence and information

By providing children with these skills, we are providing them with the skills required for learning, life and work.

For more information about the technologies please visit:

<https://education.gov.scot/Documents/Technologies-es-os.pdf>