**Online safety**

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online in order to stay connected to family and friends during this period, the government recognises many parents may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online&data=02%7C01%7Cjohn.clements%40cornwall.gov.uk%7Cdeef12efe3354c59f81508d7e1e76f89%7Cefaa16aad1de4d58ba2e2833fdfdd29f%7C0%7C0%7C637226256444367993&sdata=jR%2BMTKAXd2%2BJBwIY4pNBKUsCDT7LY9IjfyyJMpMOHxo%3D&reserved=0)

# What is an AUP?

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of St Wenn School to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which is a document that outlines how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school).

# Why do we need an AUP?

These rules have been written to help keep everyone safe and happy when they are online or using technology. Sometimes things go wrong and people can get upset, but these rules should help us avoid it when possible, and be fair to everybody.

School systems and users are protected and monitored by security and filtering services to provide safe access to digital technologies. This means anything on a school device or using school networks/platforms/internet may be viewed by one of the staff members who are here to keep children safe.

We tell children that they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network. What we tell pupils about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community:

**“Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face.”**

# Where can I find out more?

You can read St Wenn School’s full Online Safety Policy on the school website. If you have any questions about this AUP or our approach to online safety, please speak to Sally Berry (Headteacher) or Kevin Beer (Computing lead).

# What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that St Wenn School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering. However, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies, which can sometimes be upsetting.
3. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in school.
4. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other’s images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
5. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school’s social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
6. I will follow the school’s digital images and video policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people’s children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.
7. I understand that for children to grow up safe online, they will need positive input from school and home so, as parents, we will be expected to talk to our children about online safety (NB: the recent LGfL DigiSafe survey of 40,000 primary and secondary pupils found that 73% of pupils trust their parents on online safety, but only half talk about it with them more than once a year). Understanding human behaviour is more helpful than knowing how a particular app, site or game works.
8. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, child safety settings can be applied to home internet systems. Note: Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK.
9. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my child/children, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day: [childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/)
10. I understand and support the commitments stated in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which I have signed, and I agree that my child/children will be subject to sanctions if they do not follow these rules.
11. I can find out more about online safety at St Wenn School by reading the full Online Safety Policy which can be found on the school website and can talk to Sally Berry (Headteacher) or Kevin Beer (Computing lead) if I have any concerns about and the safe use of technology, about the online safety of any child in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.

**I have read, understood and agree to this policy (please complete where appropriate):**

**Staff/parent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent / guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I/we have read the appropriate section of the accompanying video conferencing Usage Guidance.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**