



INTERNET A Statement of Policy

RATIONALE

The Internet is an essential element of 21st Century life for education, business and social interaction. We believe that the use of the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources for both pupils and staff. The purpose of Internet use in our school is to raise educational standards, to promote pupil achievement and to support the professional work of staff.

Use of the Internet, by its nature, will provide access to information, which has not been selected by the teacher. The school believes that the benefit to pupils from access to the resources of the Internet far exceeds the disadvantages. Responsibility for setting and conveying the standards that the children are expected to follow, when using the media and information resources is one the school shares with parents and guardians.

AIMS

The school aims:

- ☞ To allow all users to access and use the Internet for educational purposes.
- ☞ To make all users of the Internet aware of both its benefits and possible problems.
- ☞ To teach pupils about the vast information resources available on the Internet, using as a planned part of many lessons.
- ☞ To provide a mechanism by which both students and staff are protected from sites, information and individuals which would undermine the aims and principles of the school.
- ☞ To provide both pupils and staff with rules detailing acceptable Internet procedures and use.