



Internet Safety

How safe is our school

The Internet is a wonderful resource and it is a fact that the education of pupils has been vastly enriched by its use. However, the Internet does not police its own content and we as a school have to meet that responsibility ourselves to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. This leaflet sets out some of the ways in which we achieve this.

Use of Internet

Melland High School Internet filtration system meets the current Becta standard which is constantly updated. This ensures that the pupils can not visit any harmful sites or be exposed to any accidently. The Acceptable Use Policy explains what the filters remove and why.

Use of E-mail

Each pupil has access to an e-mail address. E-mails can only be sent after the content and recipient has been checked by a responsible adult in school. The same filtration system that looks after the web browsing also looks after incoming and outgoing e-mails to prevent undesirable content.

Passwords

Pupils are issued with passwords so that their personal work folders and e-mails can not be interfered with by others who do not know their password. Virus scanners constantly monitor all areas to ensure the content of pupils folders is within the safety guidelines.

Cyber Bullying

It is possible to monitor network usage. If we had suspicions or concerns over any activity that is targeted to harm another pupil or member of staff, we are able to trace the source and deal with it in accordance with the schools behaviour and discipline policy.

Data Protection

At Melland High School we take Data Protection very seriously as it is of paramount importance that the care, education and wellbeing we provide is mirrored in our responsibility with regard to personal details held on our computer systems. We have Becta industry standard security which is almost impregnable to any external hacking attempts.

Social Networking

All Social Networking sites are banned by the schools filtration system. When a pupil logs in, they are not able to access any Social Networking sites such as Facebook or MySpace etc. There are occasions during the 'After School Clubs' where some pupils are allowed to access their Facebook accounts under supervision.

For further information on 'Safeguarding Children' please visit the following websites.

www.manchestersch.org.uk/bewareofeveryone

www.manchestersch.org.uk/esafety