

Spensley Street Primary School

USING THE INTERNET POLICY STATEMENT

DEFINITION

The Internet is a global network that connects computers and users around the world. It provides school communities with enhanced opportunities to communicate, collaborate and research. The Internet brings together a huge array of resources suitable for education. Students at Spensley Street Primary School will have access to Internet sites vetted for safety.

RATIONALE

The Internet is an important learning tool and students should be able to use it safely at school. At Spensley St. we see the Internet as a valuable tool within our integrated curriculum. Staff and students at Spensley St. can access the World Wide Web and e-mail, via a local area network connecting staff and student workplaces.

PRINCIPLES

For general principles about teaching and learning refer to the Teaching and Learning, Student Welfare and E.O. policies.

- The Internet is to be used to encourage self-directed learning and collaboration.
- Use of the Internet will be planned within Areas with a view to ensuring fair and equitable access for all students.
- Students will be taught to be critical users of the Internet.
- Students will be taught how to stay safe on the web prior to use.
- Staff will be provided with ongoing professional development to ensure they understand relevant aspects of the Internet, safe use and ways of planning appropriate activities to enhance educational opportunities.

Guidelines - Years P - 2

Students from P - 2 will access information on the Internet via bookmarked sites that have been assessed by informed adults as suitable to the task being undertaken.

Guidelines - Years 3 - 6

Students from Years 3 - 6 will only use search engines in structured lessons.

Students in Years 3 - 6 will be able to use the Internet after undertaking training and reading and discussing the 'Using the internet' guidelines with their families.

STRATEGIES & IMPLEMENTATION

Students whilst using the internet will be supervised at all times by informed adults whilst working on educationally valid tasks.

Students will be taught a variety of related skills appropriate to their level including searching for, evaluating and analysing information.

Students will be given guidelines to enable them to stay safe on the Internet.

Individual student access will be dependent on consistent usage of netiquette" as taught within the school.

Copyright issues will be considered at all times including all types of media on the Internet.

Students will seek permission before downloading information from the Internet.

Permission will be sought from parents prior to the use of photos and videos of students for the school's Internet site.

Ongoing professional development will be provided and undertaken by teachers to ensure they understand relevant aspects of the Internet, safe use and ways of planning appropriate activities to enhance educational opportunities.

GOALS

To provide students with increased opportunities to produce meaningful work for a variety of purposes and a range of global audiences.

To provide staff with opportunities to improve their teaching and learning strategies through research, training and collaboration via the Internet.

EVALUATION

Evaluation of Internet use needs to be continual and open-ended. It will be a process which recognises the complex and rapidly changing nature of the Internet.

The Learning Technologies Committee will use the information collected to assess:

- * The level of school involvement in collaborative projects.
- * The suitability of projects and bookmarked sites.
- * The effectiveness of technical support.
- * Professional development needs.
- * Student achievement.

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Guidelines for Students

The Internet is a vast network that links computers at many sites throughout the world. By using the Internet we communicate with people and access large amounts of information to assist with our schoolwork.

At SSPS we have Internet connections in each area and the library. Our access to the Internet will be supervised by an adult and will be to a restricted site, for educational purposes only.

The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that we use the Internet in an acceptable and safe way.

1. I will follow teacher instructions regarding the use of the Internet.
2. I will take great care with the computer equipment.
3. I understand that having Internet access is a privilege and so I will make good use of my time when online.
4. I will work cooperatively when using the Internet and make sure that everyone has a fair turn.
5. I will only access information that is needed for my work, or that I am interested in, with permission of a teacher.
6. I will only use first names on the World Wide Web and e-mail communications and will not give out addresses or personal details about myself or anyone else.
7. I will make sure that any e-mail I send or web pages I write contain appropriate content.

Using the Internet at Spensley Street Primary School

I have read and discussed these guidelines with my child.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's or Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to follow the rules and am aware that breaking them may result in loss or restriction of my use of the Internet.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Publishing on the Internet at Spensley Street Primary School

I agree to photos and videos of my child, being used for purposes thought appropriate by the school on its Internet sites. I understand that my child will only be identified individually by first name.

Parent's or Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____