

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School



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Social Media Parental Agreement

Social networking and media sharing applications are all useful technologies with a number of benefits and St Peter's School recognises this. Every member of our community has a right to express themselves and communicate with others on-line. The intention of this Code of Conduct is to set out guidance for parents and carers so that any potential conflicts can be avoided.

Whilst parents are free to share or use images of their own child in any way they deem appropriate, for reasons of both privacy and child protection photos taken at school related events (trips, concerts, parties, fairs etc) that show any other child apart from your own or any member of staff should NOT be shared or posted on social networking sites without the express permission of those pictured (or their parent/ carer if under 18)

Cyberbullying, which is the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate a pupil or a member of staff by an inappropriate social network entry, is sadly becoming more common in society. Thankfully incidences in primary schools are still rare; however should they occur then they will be dealt with robustly. Any incidents of cyberbullying will be dealt with as a serious incident of school bullying in accordance with our school behaviour policy.

Additionally, in the event that any pupil* or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at St Peter's Catholic Primary School is found to be cyberbullying or posting libellous or defamatory comments about children or staff at our school on Facebook, Twitter or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this.

The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately. In extreme cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Making defamatory or offensive comments on the internet has exactly the same serious legal consequences as if they are made directly to anyone and legal action could be taken against the person who has made the comment.

**Parents are reminded that the minimum age for children to have their own Facebook/ Twitter/ Instagram/ Snapchat account is 13.*

When you have read this agreement, please then access the
General Permission and Information Form
which was sent to you via Parentmail in order to confirm your agreement.

