



# Harrietsham Church of England Primary School

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## Parent Policies

The following policies can be found on our school website, here:  
[Policies | Harrietsham Church of England Primary School.](#)

ICT Acceptable Use  
Attendance Policy  
Behaviour Policy  
EYFS Policy

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Online Safety / ICT Acceptable Use

All pupils at Harrietsham C of E Primary School use computer facilities and internet access, as an essential part of learning as required by the National Curriculum. Your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of information and communication technology (ICT) resources.

This includes access to:

- Computers, laptops and other digital devices.
- The Internet, which may include search engines and educational sites.
- School learning platform/intranet.
- Email.
- Digital cameras, webcams and video cameras.

Harrietsham C of E Primary School recognises the essential and important contribution that technology plays in promoting children's learning and development, and we believe it offers a fantastic range of positive activities and experiences. We do recognise, however, that this can bring risks. We take your child's online safety seriously and, as such, will take all reasonable precautions, including using monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that pupils are safe when they use our internet.

We recognise, however, that no technical system can replace online safety education and believe that children themselves have an important role to play in developing responsible behaviour. To support the school in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, we request that you read the ICT Acceptable Use Policy from our website with your child, discussing the content with them.

***We understand that your child in EYFS is too young to give informed consent on his/ her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision-making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful way to achieve this.***

Hopefully, you will also find that the ICT Acceptable Use Policy provides you with an opportunity for conversations between you and your child about safe and appropriate use of the technology, both at school and at home.





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We request that all parents support our approach to online safety by role modelling safe and positive online behaviour and by discussing online safety whenever children access technology at home. Parents can visit the school website's [www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk) for more information about our approach to online safety. Full details of the school's online safety policy are available on the school website [www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.harrietsham.kent.sch.uk) or on request. Parents/carers may also like to visit the following links for more information about keeping children safe online:

- [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)
- [www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)
- [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

## Attendance

With regards to attendance, the importance of this cannot be overstated, particularly in the younger years when children are learning basic skills and knowledge they will later rely on. Our attendance policy follows the updated national guidelines with robust expectations. Please read it on our website.

## Behaviour

Our behaviour policy is written in line with our schools ethos and values. It governs all of the interactions within our school and ensures that we maintain a safe, happy and purposeful learning environment. We believe that parents and the school should work together to support a child to show the required behaviour and we expect parents to support us if their child is struggling with this. Please read the policy on the website.

## EYFS

We also request that all parents read our EYFS policy as this states our approach to learning in this important phase of your child's education. Hopefully the contents will help you to understand why we organise the learning as we do and help you to know what to expect from your child's first year at school. The EYFS starts in nursery and many of the approaches we use will be familiar to your child if they have attended a pre-school setting.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above policies, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. We request that once you have read all 4 policies, you sign and return the attached declaration.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Jackie Chambers*

Headteacher

