

Acceptable Use Policy and Agreements



Rationale

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe access to these digital technologies.

This acceptable use agreement is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the *students/pupils* to agree to be responsible users.

What is an AUP?

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Delph Side Primary to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which outlines how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school).

This AUP is reviewed annually, and stakeholders will be asked to sign it upon entry to the school and every time changes are made.

Why do we need an AUP?

All staff (including support staff), governors and volunteers have legal / professional obligations and it is imperative that all parties understand that online safety is part of safeguarding as well as part of the curriculum, and it is everybody's responsibility to uphold the school's approaches, strategy and policy as detailed in the full Online Safety Policy.

Where can I find out more?

All staff, governors and volunteers should read the school's full Online Safety Policy for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies e.g Safeguarding and Child Protection; Behaviour and Antibullying Policy.