



# KILLESTER COLLEGE

## STUDENT INTERNET POLICY

### **PREAMBLE**

Killester College, through its Mission Statement, is committed to providing equal access to educational experiences for all its students and to the provision of current teaching resources to all teaching staff. Our increasing aim with this is to offer educational experiences that develop creativity, initiative and a love of learning and to allow young people to make a contribution to their world. Therefore we recognise the role of technology in providing these. Accordingly, Killester will provide access to the Internet to meet the needs of our students.

### **Policy**

The Internet is an international network of computers which enables information to pass between them.

Access to the internet for students at Killester College will give them opportunities to use the latest technology for:

- Obtaining current information;
- Enhancing research skills and independence in learning;
- Enriching the curriculum;
- Contacting individuals and groups throughout the world

Killester College considers the Internet as one of a number of educational resources. The use of other information resources for student research is recommended and will be required.

### **Guidelines For Use Internet:**

The Internet will be used for educational purposes.

Students will be able to access only educationally appropriate sites for research. Those sites containing inappropriate material will be filtered out and be inaccessible to students.

Students will be made aware that information on the Internet is not necessarily true or accurate. Users will be encouraged to cross check information from other sources to check the validity of information. All material and ideas of others must be acknowledged and the sources cited correctly in a bibliography.

The Intranet, whilst still a developing student/teacher resource, will be a resource students need to access. The Intranet is also an educational tool and may only be used for this purpose.

Students will complete a "Student Agreement" to be registered as an internet user at Killester.

This Agreement will be required to be completed each year as part of the re-enrolment process.

## **Library Use:**

The internet will be available for research purposes during normal opening hours as per Library Regulations.

### **Library Regulations are as follows:**

Research priority

No E-mail usage

If a student is found accessing inappropriate site and/or materials, consequences will apply. (See Agreement)

## **Other Areas of use:**

### **Classroom Environment**

Students will be given access to the Internet within a classroom environment for specific educational purposes under the supervision of an Internet trained teacher.

### **E-mail**

There will be no availability of Email for any students except under teacher direction for classroom activities.

## **Review**

This Policy should be reviewed every two years.

**Ratified by the Stewardship Council: 2005**

**Review 2007**

# ICT/Internet Student Agreement

**As a student of Killester College, I.....acknowledge that I will**

1. Respect and protect the privacy of others
  - by using only my assigned network and internet/email accounts.
  - by not viewing, using, or copying passwords or data belonging to other students
  - by not distributing private information about myself or others
2. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources
  - by observing all network security practices
  - by maintaining my internet account balance in credit
  - by not damaging data, hardware or software belonging to the College or others
3. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others
  - by not infringing copyright or making illegal copies of music, games or movies
  - by acknowledging all sources in research and not plagiarising others' work
4. Respect and practice the principles of community
  - by communicating only in ways that are kind and respectful
  - by reporting threatening or discomfoting materials to a teacher
  - by not accessing, transmitting or creating material that violates the College's code of conduct

**Students may, if in accord with the policy above**

1. Use email for communication with other students, staff and outside bodies for educational purposes
2. Create web pages or publish other material on the internet for educational purposes

*I have read and understood the above. I have read the ICT Policy included in the Student Policies and Procedures Handbook provided.*

<b>Student Signature::</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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## Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement and Agreement

I/We acknowledge and agree that the school shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any loss or damage caused by a student's use of the Internet.

I/We agree that students are responsible for any damage caused to equipment, software or services.

Parent/Guardian's Name:	
Parent/Guardian's Signature:	DATE: