

Dear Parent/Carer,  
ICT and Computing (including the internet, Google Classroom, emails, blogging and mobile technologies) is an important part of learning at Howe Dell. We expect all children to be safe and responsible when using any ICT at home and at school.

As part of Howe Dell's commitment to safeguarding, we monitor activity on school accounts and devices. Content and use will be checked by the Executive Head regularly to ensure all users comply with the acceptable use agreements. Unacceptable activity is filtered and flagged.

Please read and discuss these e-Safety rules overleaf with your child and return the slip at the bottom of this page. If you have any concerns, or would like any further details, please contact the school office.



**Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms**

**13** is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

- X (formerly Twitter)
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Pinterest
- Messenger
- TikTok
- Discord
- Snapchat
- Twitch
- Yubo
- Reddit
- YouTube
- BeReal
- WhatsApp

**16** is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.

- Nintendo Online Account
- Vimeo
- Tumblr

**18+ or 13 with parent's permission**

- YouTube
- WeChat
- Kik
- Flickr
- Play Store
- Spotify (12 with parental permission)

**18only**  
Now states that no person under 18 may sign up.  
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For your information, please also find below information regarding social media age restrictions.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Prickett  
Executive Headteacher

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**Parent/ carer agreement**

Parent(s)/Carer(s) name(s).....

I/we have discussed this agreement with, which highlights the associated risks when accessing the internet, mobile and digital technologies, with our child/ren.

I/we agree to support them in following the terms of this agreement.

We understand that our child's use of ICT can be checked in school and that we will be contacted if a member of school staff is concerned about our child's e-Safety.

Pupil name ..... Class .....

I understand this agreement is to keep me safe. I have discussed this agreement with my parents/carers and I understand my responsibilities when using ICT equipment and accessing information and media online.

# **Our Online Safety Expectations**

## **Acceptable Use Agreement**

- I will only use school IT equipment for school purposes
- I will only use my own school e-mail address and school accounts. I will not use other people's accounts and pretend to be them online
- I will not tell other people my passwords
- I will only open links or attachments from people I know, or that my teacher has approved
- I will only open or delete my own files
- I will make sure that all IT contact with other children and adults is responsible, polite and sensible
- If I come across anything upsetting, unpleasant or nasty, or anything that makes me feel unsafe, I will tell my teacher or an adult at home immediately
- If someone posts about me, sends me anything upsetting, unpleasant or nasty, or anything that makes me feel unsafe, I will not reply. I will tell my teacher or an adult at home immediately
- I will not give out my own or other people's details such as name, phone number or home address. I will tell a teacher or an adult at home if someone online asks me for any information
- I will not arrange to meet someone I have contacted online or send my image unless this is part of a school project and a teacher, or an adult at home is supervising me
- I will always seek permission before I share my image (photographs, videos, live streaming, video calling) online as this can put me at risk
- I will not bring a recordable device or internet accessible smart watch to school because I am not allowed to wear one during the school day
- I will not sign up to online services or social media accounts until I am old enough
- I will not access age-inappropriate internet technologies outside of school
- I will support the school approach to online safety and not upload any images, video, sounds or text that could upset any member of the school community
- I understand that everything I do or receive online can be traced, so I will be responsible for my behaviour when using IT because I know these rules keep me safe
- I know that my use of IT in school is checked and my parent/carer contacted if any member of staff is concerned about my safety
- I understand that as part of Howe Dell's commitment to safeguarding, the school is able to monitor activity on school accounts and devices. Content and use will be checked regularly to ensure all users comply with the acceptable use agreements. Unacceptable activity will be filtered and flagged