

Parent Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA)



What is an AUA?

We ask all adults involved in the life of Courtney Primary School to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA), which is an agreement that 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).

Why do we need an AUA?

This Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to ensure that you are aware of the importance of e-safety and how, together, we can support children in keeping safe and behaving well online both at school and at home.

We tell your children: ***"Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face."***

AUA for Parents and Carers

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Courtney Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare its pupils for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering. I understand that the school will take swift action if any inappropriate materials escape the filters.
3. I understand that internet and devices in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school, may be subject to filtering and monitoring.
4. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media; not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others.
5. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why the school expects certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school's E-Safety Policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age. If I allow my child to use sites that they are not old enough for, I will regularly monitor their use.
6. I will follow the school's digital images and video policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos.¹ I will not share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.
¹In line with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents and carers may take videos and digital images of their children at school events for personal use as this is not covered by General Data Protection Regulation. These images must not be published or made available on social networking sites in order to protect other children and respect privacy. Parents and carers should also not comment on any activities involving other pupils in the digital or video images.
7. I understand that for my child to grow up safely online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety. Understanding human behaviour is more helpful than knowing how a particular app, site or game works.
8. I understand that as home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK.

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9. I understand that the school retains the right to sanction children in school for online behaviour at home where it has a detrimental impact on learning in school or has brought the school's reputation into disrepute.
10. I can find out more about online safety at Courtney Primary by reading the E-Safety Policy available on the website.
11. I can talk to any member of staff if I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.
12. I understand that the school has a policy to address inappropriate behaviour by parents or carers which is set out in the Behaviour Policy and that the school will follow this policy if I make in appropriate posts online.
13. I also understand that posts online are subject to defamation and privacy laws and there may be legal implications for me personally as a result of anything that I post. I understand that the school will challenge me if:
 - Any of my posts use profanity or engage in any abusive, threatening or bullying behaviour.
 - I have named children or posted images of them without their parents' express permission.
 - I make comments about children, staff, the school or other parents which are not respectful.
 - I make references to a pupil online, even if not they are not named specifically.
 - I post comments which undermine the school's reputation.
 - I make malicious or fictitious comments online about any member of the school community.
 - I create a social media account which appears to be associated with the school which has not been agreed by the school (ie. a class Facebook page).
14. I will respect the school's policy which requires staff (other than those who are parents of children at Courtney who are in contact as a parent) not to make contact with parents or children through social networking sites or personal e-mail addresses. I will not request to be friends with staff on social networking sites and understand that staff will refuse any friend requests that are made.

Use of other Audio-Visual Media

The school will use films, or extracts from them, in the PG and U category to enhance the children's learning as and when deemed appropriate. CDs and age-appropriate computer games will be used

As the parent/carer of the above child, I agree to the school using PG and U category films, CDs and age appropriate computer games.

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By signing this form, it shows your support of the school in helping to keep your child safe.

Child's Name

Parent/Carer Name

Date