



Chilthorne Domer Church School

Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement 2025

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

This acceptable use policy is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications 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 users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that learners have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the learners to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the learner acceptable use agreement is attached to this permission form, so that parents/carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

Permission Form

Parent/Carers Name:

Learner Name:

As the parent/carers of the above learners, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the digital technologies at school.

I understand that the school has discussed the acceptable use agreement with my son/daughter and that they have received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet.

I understand that my son's/daughter's activity on the systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the acceptable use agreement.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's online safety.

Key Questions / Information:

This form (electronic or printed)	Electronic
Who will have access to this form?	Office Admin Staff and Headteacher
Where will this form be stored?	Parent Mail
How long will this form be stored for?	12 months
How will this form be destroyed?	Permanently deleted from the system

Signed:

Date:

Use of Digital/Video Images

The use of digital/video images plays an important part in learning activities. Learners and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media. Where an image is publicly shared by any means, only your child’s first name will be used.

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parent’s/carer’s permission before taking images of members of the school. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people cannot be identified by the use of their names.

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner’s Office, parents/carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone’s privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published/made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents/carers comment on any activities involving other learners in the digital/video images.

Parents/carers are requested to sign the permission form below to allow the school to take and use images of their children and for the parents/carers to agree.

Key Questions / Information:

This form (electronic or printed)	Electronically via ParentMail
Who will have access to this form?	Images may be stored on the school website and Facebook page, local press.
Where will this form be stored?	School network
How long will this form be stored for?	Until the child leaves school.
How will this form be destroyed?	Permanently deleted from the system or shredded if printed.
How can I make a request for deletion of the images?	In writing via the school office.

Digital/Video Images Permission Form

Parent/Carers Name:.....Learner Name:.....

As the parent/carer of the above learner, I agree to the school taking digital/video images of my child/children.	Yes/No
I agree to these images being used:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to support learning activities. 	Yes/No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school. 	Yes/No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on the school website 	Yes/No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on the school Facebook page 	Yes/No
I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of school events which include images of children, other than my own, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images.	Yes/No

Signed:

Date:

Use of Cloud Systems Permission Form

The school uses Office365 and various other support tools e.g. Doodle Maths for learners and staff. This permission form describes the tools and learner responsibilities for using these services.

Using educational online services will enable your child to collaboratively create, edit and share files and websites for school related projects and communicate via email with other learners and members of staff. These services are entirely online and available 24/7 from any internet-connected computer.

The school believes that use of the tools significantly adds to your child's educational experience.

This form (electronic or printed)	Electronically via Parent Mail.
Who will have access to this form.	School network and individual websites e.g. Spelling Shed or Doodle Maths.
Where this form will be stored.	School network.
How long this form will be stored for.	Until the child leaves our school.
How this form will be destroyed.	Permanently deleted from the system or shredded if printed.
How long the data will be stored for.	Until the child leaves school.
How the data will be destroyed.	Permanently deleted from the system or shredded if printed.

Do you consent to your child to having access to this service? Yes/No

Learner Name:Parent/Carers Name:.....

Signed:Date:

Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement

Attached are the Pupil Acceptable User Agreements that your child has read through and signed with a teacher. Please read through these at home with your child as well so that you are aware of the rules and behaviours that your child has committed to.

Copyright of these policy templates is held by SWGfL. Schools/colleges and other educational institutions are permitted free use of the policy templates for the purposes of policy review and development. Any person or organisation wishing to use the document for other purposes should seek consent from SWGfL (onlinesafety@swgfl.org.uk) and acknowledge its use.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information included in this document is accurate, as at the date of publication in September 2023. However, SWGfL cannot guarantee its accuracy, nor can it accept liability in respect of the use of the material.