

Use of the Internet

As part of Portchester Community School's cross-curricular Information Communication Technology (ICT) programme students are offered access to the Internet. In this way they are able to use the enormous range of materials that are available on the Internet to assist them in their studies. The access is restricted by the Hampshire County Council Technical Services Unit, which endeavours to block all schools' access to inappropriate sites.

Our aim for the use of the Internet by students is to enhance their studies, with specific educational goals and objectives. In school, teachers will guide students towards appropriate materials. We believe that the benefits of accessing the Internet by far outweigh the disadvantages. However, as the parent responsible for setting the standards your child should follow when using the Internet, you have the right to decide whether or not your child has access to it.

For your information you will receive a copy of The Guidance for use of the Internet which will be issued to your child on joining the school.

School sanctions will be used for students who misuse the school's ICT facilities and the Internet.

School Publicity Material

Throughout the year a number of photographs will be taken of our students participating in a wide range of school activities. These photographs are used to celebrate success, and enhance school publicity material ranging from the school prospectus, press releases to the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) school web page.

In Year 7 you will need to inform the school if you do not give your permission to publish photographs including your child in any such school publicity material. This will also include videoing of learning activities such as assemblies and school productions. You will need to inform the school if there is a change made in Year 7 arrangements.