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The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy is to ensure that pupils will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the school's Internet resources in a safe and effective manner. Internet use and access is considered a school resource and privilege.

This AUP was initially created on 22/10/07 at an Inservice Planning Day attended by both full-time and part-time teaching staff.

School's Strategy

The school employs a number of strategies in order to maximise learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. These strategies are as follows:

General

- Currently our broadband service is provided by West Connect.
- Internet sessions are always supervised by a teacher.
- Both class teachers attended initial training in the area of Internet safety at Sligo Education centre in November 2007, since then all teaching staff have kept up to date with current developments in the area of web safety.
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved software will not be permitted.
- Virus protection software is used and updated on a regular basis.
- Pupils are taught to observe good 'netiquette' (i.e. etiquette on the Internet) at all times.

World Wide Web

- Pupils have access only to educational websites containing suitable material to enhance their learning.
- They are timetabled to access the class laptops/tablets as part of their curriculum work.
- Teachers use www.scoilnet.ie as a learning tool and source of information on Internet Safety.

G-Suite

- At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, pupils in the senior room were each given a password to access Google Classroom. This is monitored by the class teacher and used as a tool for homework and self assessment.

Zoom

- In April 2020, we widened our digital platforms for teaching and learning to include Zoom. This was in response to the Covid-19 School Closure which took effect from 12th March 2020 and is extended until further notice at the time of writing (01/05/2020).
- Killavil NS is now registered for a school Zoom licence and the teaching staff are engaging in webinar training, in   In our school setting, we plan to use the Zoom platform to
  (a) Provide a forum for the class teacher and $3^{rd} – 6^{th}$ classes to meet remotely twice weekly where they share news/give feedback on their progress with their project work, do an online Cahoot quiz and have Maths work corrected.
  (b) Hold a 'Break-Time Whole School Assembly' once a week, hosted by the principal, where all teachers, pupils and parents attend together.

<u>School Blog/Website</u>

The school blog is fully up and running and senior pupils mainly are actively involved in updating new items on the blog, with the guidance of their class teacher. Our school blog is currently hosted by Scoilnet. The address is: www.killavilns.scoilnet.ie/blog The blog and website are updated as regularly as time allows.

- Pupils are given the opportunity to publish projects, artwork or school work on the School Blog.
- All such publications are co-ordinated by a teacher.
- Digital photographs, audio or video clips of individual pupils will not be published on the school website. Instead any such photos, audio and video clips, will focus on group activities.
- Personal pupil information including home address and contact details will be omitted from school web pages.
- Pupils will continue to own the copyright on any work published.

Support Structures/Internet Safety

- Parents are kept informed of the school blog and encouraged to access it regularly.
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- Pupils are made aware of the importance of not disclosing personal information on the Internet.
- Pupils, teachers and parents are encouraged to avail of the supports offered by the N.C.T.E.'s official website www.webwise.ie
- Pupils, teachers and parents are likewise encouraged to access www.scoilnet.ie for advice on safe/appropriate Internet usage.

Implementation Date
This policy is being implemented on an ongoing basis.

Timetable for Review
This policy was updated in October 2019 and will be reviewed in 2022.
Note: Following Covid 19 exceptional School Closure in March 2020, the teaching staff collaborated to review this policy.

Ratification and Communication
The Board of Management of Killavil National School officially ratified this policy on

A copy is available to parents and the wider school community on request.

Signed:

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Principal

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Chairperson, Board of Management.