

What is an AUP?

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Kedington Primary Academy to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), which is a document 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).

Your child has also signed an AUP. You can see this on the school's website [here](#). We recommend you go through it together at home too as it relates to online safety at home as well as at school.

Why do we need an AUP?

These rules have been written to help keep everyone safe and happy when they are online or using technology. Sometimes things go wrong and people can get upset, but these rules should help us avoid it when possible, and be fair to everybody.

School systems and users are protected and monitored by security and filtering services to provide safe access to digital technologies. This means anything on a school device or using school networks/platforms/internet may be viewed by one of the staff members who are here to keep your children safe.

We tell your children that they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network. What we tell pupils about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community:

“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.”

Where can I find out more?

You can find support and online safety resources for parents at parentsafe.lgfl.net and on the school's website on the [e-safety for parents page](#).

If you have any questions about this AUP or our approach to online safety, please speak to Mrs Doherty.

Acceptable Use Policy for Parent and Carers

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Kedington Primary Academy uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching and learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care 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. However, the school cannot be

held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies, which can sometimes be upsetting.

3. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in school.
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 not posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
5. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school's approach to social media and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
6. I will follow the trust's photograph and video policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. 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.
7. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, they 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 it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children.
9. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which they have signed, and which can be seen [here](#) and I understand that they will be subject to sanctions if they do not follow these rules.
10. I can find out more about online safety at Kedington Primary Academy by talking to Mrs Doherty, the online safety lead, 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.

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**I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.**

Signature/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s of parent / carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / carer of: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign and return to the school.**

**You can find this agreement on the school's website under Parents Information – e-Safety for Parents**