



East Dunbartonshire Council

20 School Internet and Email Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Access to the Internet and email is now a recognised and valued educational tool which all schools in East Dunbartonshire Council have access to. Before being allowed to use the Internet, pupils must obtain parental consent and I would ask you and your son/daughter to sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the schools rules on this matter.

Access to the Internet will allow your child to explore thousands of libraries, data bases and bulletin boards while being able to exchange email messages with other Internet users throughout the world. Our aim in using the Internet is in pursuit of educational goals but some pupils may try to find information that is not consistent with our aim. A filtering system has been put in place which has been designed for safe usage in education. During school hours teachers will guide pupils in their use of the Internet and all pupils engaged on using the Internet will be supervised.

It is considered that the educational benefits of Internet and email access far exceed the disadvantages. While some material on the Internet contains items which are illegal, offensive, inaccurate or morally unacceptable to some people, East Dunbartonshire Council has taken all practical steps to ensure safe use that the risks of your child being exposed to such material are minimised. Ultimately parents and guardians are responsible for setting the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. The school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether to apply for access or not.

Please read the enclosed guidance documents and then complete the permission form which follows. This should be returned to the school before the _____. If forms are not returned by the due date we will assume that access is not being applied for and therefore will not be granted.



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Parental/Guardian Agreement

- As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil signing below, I grant permission for my son or daughter to use electronic mail and the Internet
- I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions
- I am aware that East Dunbartonshire Council will take all possible precautions to eliminate unsuitable materials but accept that it is impossible for the school to guarantee elimination of all sources of controversial material
- I accept responsibility for setting standards and explaining the enclosed set of rules for my child to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media and I understand that any misuse of the system will result in my child being barred from the electronic mail and the Internet.
- I understand that this policy is also applicable when my child is using any computer outwith an East Dunbartonshire Council school to access the National Educational Portal (GLOW).

I hereby give you permission to issue electronic mail and Internet access to my child.

Parent/Guardian

Name

(please print)

Pupil Name and Class

Signature

Date

Pupil Agreement (Pupils 16 and over only)

As a school user of electronic mail and the Internet, I agree to comply with the school rules on their use. I will use the network in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by my parent/guardian and the school. I understand that should I breach the rules then my access will be removed and disciplinary action may result.

Pupil

(please print)

Name

Class

Pupil Signature

Date