

Our priority in Coláiste De Lacy is to ensure a safe, positive, supportive and optimal educational environment for all. The aim of this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is to ensure that students will benefit from learning opportunities offered by the school's Internet resources and digital technologies in a safe and effective manner. Internet use and access is considered a school resource and privilege. It is provided for educational purposes only. Therefore, if the school AUP is not adhered to, this privilege will be withdrawn and appropriate sanctions (as outlined in the AUP) will be imposed. This AUP should be read carefully to ensure that the conditions of use are understood and accepted.

Associated policies include the following:



Schools Strategy

Coláiste De Lacy will employ a number of strategies in order to maximise learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. These strategies are as follows:

General	 Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher Students are not allowed unauthorised access to the Internet Filtering software and/or equivalent systems will be used in order to maximise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material Coláiste De Lacy will regularly monitor student's Internet usage e.g. each Caomhnóir will check iPads during Clann Time Downloading of non-approved apps is not allowed Students will observe good 'netiquette' (i.e. etiquette on the Internet) at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute Students will not engage in any unauthorised communication via iMessaging, email, Airdrop or any other means Students must not engage in any disruption of teaching and learning (online or onsite) Students must never damage ICT resources Students must only access Social Media/ Games/ Streaming Services that have been approved by the school and only when instructed to do so, in line with their teaching and learning Parents/guardians should support the Coláiste by fully complying with the <i>Twilight Agreement</i>. As part of this agreement, students give all devices (iPads, laptops, mobile phonesetc.) to parents/guardians before they go to bed at night. This is a strategy to promote positive mental health and responsible usage of technology.
World Wide Web	 Students will not visit Internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials Students will use the Internet for educational purposes only Students will consider copyright issues relating to online learning Students will never disclose or publicise personal information Students will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management issues
Office 365 (Email, MS Teams, One Drive etc.)	 Students will only use their approved school email accounts for all school communication Students will not send, receive, upload or store any material that is illegal, obscene, defamatory or that is intended to annoy, hurt or intimidate another person Students will not reveal their own or other people's personal details, such as addresses, telephone numbers or pictures

	✓ Students will never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone
	they only know online, through emails or the internet
	 Students will seek permission from their teacher before sending email attachments
	 Students should consider if an attachment is from a known/reliable source before opening
	✓ Students Office 365 profile picture must only contain
	student's own initials
	 Students will never invite others or share/disseminate links to online lessons/meetings/assemblies/events
	✓ Students must never admit anyone to online
	lessons/assemblies/events/meetingsetc.
	✓ Online lessons / meetings / calls / must never be recorded.
Internet Chat	✓ Students will only access chat function, discussion forums or other
	electronic communication forums that have been approved by the
	school for the purpose of teaching and learning
	 Chat rooms, discussion forums, and other electronic communication forums will only be used for educational purposes
	and will always be supervised
	 ✓ In-person, face-to-face meetings with someone organised via Internet chat is absolutely forbidden.
Photography and	✓ Students will only use photography and videography for
Videography	educational purposes, when instructed to do so by a teacher.
	 Prior to taking a video or photograph a student must check that every participant consents to partaking and that all participants
	have parental photo consent
	 Any videos or pictures captured within Coláiste De Lacy or when
	on official school activities must not be shared to the media or
	posted on social media without prior approval of the
	Principal or their nominee
	 Online lessons/meetings/events/assemblies must never be recorded

The AUP and the Code of Conduct

Misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action, including (but not limited to) withdrawal of access privileges, and, in extreme cases, suspension or exclusion from the school. Circulating, publishing or distributing (including on the Internet) material associated with school activities (including but not limited to material in relation to staff and students where such circulation undermines, humiliates or causes damage to another person), is considered a serious breach of school discipline and may also result in the imposition of sanctions.

The school also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.







For advice and guidance on internet safe please visit: www.webwise.ie

