

**School Website Address: [www.stmarystrim.ie](http://www.stmarystrim.ie)**

## **Internet Policy.**

### **Pupil access to the Internet:**

Internet access is now available to pupils. The school is pleased to offer this tool as an available resource to both pupils and teachers for reference purposes and for researching project materials. Pupils will have access to thousands of libraries and databases on every subject written.

Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation for living and working in the coming Information age. The school will integrate such information as appropriate within the curriculum and staff will provide guidance and instruction to pupils in the appropriate use of such resources.

Pupils use of telecommunications and electronic information will be provided and will only be permitted upon submission of permission and agreement forms by parents of pupils and pupils themselves.

The socialite website available at <http://www.scoilnet.ie> is designed to assist schools to access information and resources relevant to the needs of Irish education. The school will use ScoilNet as a starting point for Internet access.

### **Email:**

Electronic mail, or e-mail, allows pupils to communicate with peers and educationalists around the world. Pupils will send and receive email during supervised sessions. Personal information about the child will not be disclosed without permission from the teacher supervising the session. Email messages, which make the pupil uncomfortable, must be reported to the teacher. Pupils are not permitted to respond to such messages. The allocation of personal email addresses to individual pupils is not recommended.

### **World Wide Web:**

Access to on-line resources will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards throughout the world. The school believes that the benefits to pupils from access to information resources and increased opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Pupils will not be given access to the Internet without teacher supervision. The school uses filtering software, which, while not entirely foolproof, will greatly reduce the risk of

deliberate or inadvertent access to undesirable material i.e. expletive words, pictures, or unsuitable content. Teachers regularly check computer logs of all information accessed by pupils.

### **School Website:**

Pupils may create projects, artwork or writing which would be suitable for publication on the WWW. The work will appear in an educational context on web pages with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of such work without express written permission. The home address, telephone numbers or personnel details of pupils will not appear with such work.

Particular care will be taken where photographs of pupils are being used on the school website. Personal pupil information including home address and contact details will be omitted from school web pages.

### **Data Protection Act:**

The Data Protection Act 2018 was passed to deal with privacy issues arising from the increasing amount of information kept on computer about individuals. In accordance with the Act, the school only publishes pupil information that is relevant to the context of the webpage.

### **Internet Parent Permission Form**

Please complete this form and return to the principal.

Name of pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pupil**

I agree to comply with the school rules on the use of the Internet. I will use the Internet in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by the **school**.

### **Parent**

As the parent or legal of the above pupil, I have read the Acceptance Use Policy and grant permission for my son/daughter to access the Internet. I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes. I also understand that the school cannot be held responsible if pupils access unsuitable websites, but that every reasonable precaution has been taken by the school to provide for online safety.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **School Website**

I understand that, if the school deems it appropriate, my daughters/son's school work may be chosen for inclusion on our school's World Wide Web pages which will be published soon on the Internet. My daughter/son's picture may also be published on the school website. No personal details will be given with the pupil's pictures. The pupil continues to own the copyright on any work published. Please sign to confirm that you are aware of this:

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_