Leamington Federation
Sydenham Primary School and
Lighthorne Heath Primary School
Internet Access Policy Statement

Please also refer to the NAACE BCS document
(available from the Computing Subject Leader)

Aims:

- To promote responsible use of the Internet in school.
- To prevent misuse of the technology available in school.
- To avoid children being vulnerable to unsolicited and inappropriate communications from other people.
- To prevent children having access to web sites with explicit content, such as pornography, misuse of drugs, promotion of violence, intolerance, racism and extreme political and social views

Processes:

- Children will have access to a filtered Internet service at school. This filtered service will take steps to ensure that the children do not have access to inappropriate web sites.
- Internet access will be directly controlled by an adult working with infant and some junior children.
- The issue of copyright will be discussed with children and they will be encouraged to acknowledge sources.
- Teachers will investigate the nature of the different media and the difficulties that pupils may experience with retrieval and in dealing with large quantities of information. Teachers will structure research involving the use of search engines, and pupils will be taught the necessary information handling skills.
- Pupils will be encouraged to tell a teacher should they feel uncomfortable or threatened by messages received or material seen.
- Teachers will review the contribution made by Internet use to teaching and learning, within the curriculum planning process.
- Children will have the opportunity to communicate easily with other people around the world by electronic mail. Children will be able to send and receive e-mail to a class e-mail address. The content of e-mail sent and received will be screened and monitored by the class teacher.

- Wherever pupils interact with the public by e-mail or web site, particular care will be taken to ensure that the communication is appropriate. Pupils will be given specific guidelines for personal safety:
    1. Never give your full name
    2. Never give out a home address
    3. Never give out a telephone number
- The school will control the quality and presentation of material on its school website. The school will not publish photographs with pupils' names on the website. The school will seek parental consent before publishing photographs of children on the school website.
- The LA will occasionally monitor files or sites visited by the school.
- Parental permission will be sought before pupils are allowed Internet access.

Equal Opportunities
We undertake to provide equality of access to all aspects of the curriculum to all members of the school community. Staff will endeavour to help all children to reach their full potential irrespective of race, gender, age or ability in accordance with the school's Equal Opportunities and Inclusion policies.

Race Equality Statement
We offer a curriculum that reflects the cultural diversity of the school. We teach children to be aware of the diversity of cultures within our school, and to see them as a positive factor that enriches the experiences of the whole school community. We recognise that different languages are spoken and understood by staff and children in our school.

Review
This statement is part of a working document and therefore is open to change and restructuring as and when the need arises.

This policy was ratified: September 2014

And will be reviewed: September 2015

Signed by the Head teacher/

Chair of Governors: