# What’s different about AUPs for September 2020 and during Covid-19?

The principles remain the same so this AUP has not changed much this year (note #8 and 9 and other comments in bold). However, we recommend you review all policies and AUPs in the light of school changes, closures, new remote technologies etc.

At [coronavirus.lgfl.net/safeguarding](https://coronavirus.lgfl.net/safeguarding) you will find a document to help you review policies, guidance on the safe use of remote technology settings to look out for, as well as a flyer for parents.

You may wish to specifically remind parents about expectations during home learning, which may well reoccur unexpectedly for some bubbles during 2020/1 AND about the use of tutors and ensuring that all parties understand how tutors (who may have the same awareness of safeguarding best-practice as teachers) and teachers should and should not behave online.

# Cover sheet – delete this page once you have finished editing the document

* You may well want to edit / remove / add items based on the knowledge of your school
* Items highlighted in yellow need editing/completing/removing before you share the document
* Feel free to add your school name and logo, but please do not try to remove our branding/links
* Please read this in conjunction with our online-safety policy template for schools, available at [safepolicies.lgfl.net](https://safepolicies.lgfl.net)
* We would love to hear how you use this AUP / if it’s useful, how we can improve it and what else we can do to support you – get in touch with @LGfLDigiSafe on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lgfldigisafe) or [Twitter](https://twitter.com/LGfLDigiSafe)
* You may want to issue this alongside a couple of the poster/flyers at [safeposters.lgfl.net](https://safeposters.lgfl.net), e.g. there is one specifically to encourage child-parent conversations and one with six top tips about staying safe online during Covid
* There is a range of further materials to support your outreach work with parents at [parentsafe.lgfl.net](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net)
* We provide online safety educational resources (filtered by theme or key stage) at [saferesources.lgfl.net](https://saferesources.lgfl.net/)

# Background

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of [ insert school name here ] to sign an Acceptable Use\* Policy (AUP) to outline 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 which [ has been sent home / is available here – delete or edit as appropriate ].

[ \* An AUP is as much about behaviours as ‘use’ of a particular device or technology, so you may wish to rename this document, but we have kept the recognised term ‘AUP’ as the name of this document. ]

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, whether they are at home or school:

**“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 read [ insert school name here ]’s full Online Safety Policy [ insert link here – there is a template at [safepolicies.lgfl.net](https://safepolicies.lgfl.net) ] for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies (e.g. Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour Policy, etc). If you have any questions about this AUP or our approach to online safety, please speak to [ member of staff name / where to find them ].

# What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that [ insert name of school ] uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & 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, **including during any remote learning periods.**
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 refraining from 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 social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
6. I will follow the school’s digital images 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. The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form. [ adapt this point in line with your policy; more info in our Online Safety Policy template ]
7. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety.
8. **I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to do remote learning if school or bubbles are closed (similar to regular online homework). When on any video calls with school, it would be better not to be in a bedroom but where this is unavoidable, my child will be fully dressed and not in bed, and the camera angle will point away from beds/bedding/personal information etc. Where it is possible to blur or change the background, I will help my child to do so.**
9. **If my child has online tuition for catchup after lockdown or in general, I will undertake necessary checks where I have arranged this privately to ensure they are registered/safe and reliable, and for any tuition remain in the room where possible, and ensure my child knows that tutors should not arrange new sessions or online chats directly with them**.
10. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content.
11. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day: [childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/)
12. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he has signed, and which can be seen here [ insert link ], and I understand that s/he will be subject to sanctions if s/he does not follow these rules.
13. I can find out more about online safety at [name of school ] by reading the full Online Safety Policy here [ insert link ] and can talk to [ insert specific names or roles, e.g. form tutor, class teacher, etc ] 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 / guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent / guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

Please note that parents may also be interested in the school’s approach to the following matters, which are all covered as sections within the overall school Online Safety Policy: [ Insert link here and edit list as appropriate; this list is based on a selection of topics from the LGfL DigiSafe template made available to schools at [safepolicies.lgfl.net](https://safepolicies.lgfl.net); you may also wish to add links /references to other policies for parents to view as appropriate ]

* Roles and responsibilities of members of the school community
* Education and curriculum
* Handling online-safety concerns and incidents
* Actions where there are concerns about a child
  + Sexting and upskirting
  + Bullying
  + Sexual violence and harassment
  + Misuse of school technology (devices, systems, networks or platforms)
  + Social media incidents
* Data protection and data security
* Appropriate filtering and monitoring
* Electronic communications
* Email
* School website
* Cloud platforms
* Digital images and video
* Social media
* Device usage