

Acceptable Use of I.T. Policy

High speed Internet access is available to students and teachers on the Coláiste Muire IT network. The goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote excellence in teaching and learning in Coláiste Muire by facilitating resource sharing, access to educational material and communications.

Each classroom has a teaching computer and a digital projector. Students access the internet directly in the computer room, the Technical Drawing room and the Learning Support Rooms. These computers have monitoring software installed. The local internet provider is supported by the PDST. A firewall is installed which restricts access to social networks and a range of non educational sites.

Students are not allowed to use the teaching computers in an unsupervised capacity in any circumstances.

The school recognises that some coursework, sections of the curriculum, career choice investigations etc. are best accessed online. It is expected that students who use the Coláiste Muire IT network do so solely with their educational goals and the Mission Statement of the school in mind.

Internet and the Coláiste Muire IT Network - Terms and Conditions

1. Privileges – Accessing the Internet and using the Coláiste Muire IT system in school is a privilege.
2. Misuse of this privilege includes any inappropriate use of the hardware and or software provided by the school.
3. Any misuse of the schools' IT network may result in sanctions. Sanctions will be in accordance with the Code of Behaviour and may include reprimands, loss of privileges, extra work, report card, up to suspension and expulsion.
4. Misuse of social networks on private devices comes under the remit of the school's Mobile Phone, Electronic Devices and Digital Media Policy.
5. Any student who avails of the Coláiste Muire IT network to bully another may be dealt with under the school's Anti Bullying Policy.
6. The "Commitment and Undertaking by student/parent" section in the student journal must be signed by both before access to the school IT system is allowed

Ratified

15th March 2016