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1. Réamhrá

Tá teicneolaíocht dhigiteach anois ina cuid riachtanach den teagasc agus den fhoghlaim i Scoil Chrónáin. Ó cheachtanna idirghníomhacha agus tionscadail chruthaitheacha go taighde, cumarsáid agus forbairt scileanna, cabhraíonn uirlisí digiteacha lenár bpáistí smaointe a iniúchadh, comhoibriú le daoine eile, agus na hinniúlachtaí a fhorbairt a bheidh de dhíth orthu i ndomhan atá ag éirí níos digití de shíor. Tacaíonn Curaclam na Bunscoile agus an Straitéis Dhigiteach do Scoileanna leis seo. Nuair a úsáidtear i gceart iad, saibhraíonn na hacmhainní seo an curaclam, tacaíonn siad le stíleanna foghlama éagsúla, agus cruthaíonn siad deiseanna do dhaltaí smaoinemh go criticiúil, fadhbanna a réiteach, agus iad féin a chur in iúl ar bhealaí nua bríocha.

Tacaíonn teicneolaíocht dhigiteach le forbairt litearthachta digití, cruthaitheachta, scileanna cumarsáide agus smaointeoireachta criticiúla. Bíonn daltaí ag plé leis an teicneolaíocht ar bhealaí aois-oiriúnacha a fheabhsaíonn an fhoghlaim trasna gach réimse ábhair.

Ós rud é go dtacaíonn teicneolaíochtaí digiteacha le saol na scoile, tá sé tábhachtach go n-úsáidtear iad go sábháilte, go measúil agus go freagrach. Soláthraíonn an Polasaí Úsáide Inghlactha seo treoir shoiléir do dhaltaí, do bhaill foirne agus do thuismitheoirí maidir leis an gcaoi a n-úsáidtear agus a rochtaintear acmhainní digiteacha sa scoil.

Cuidíonn an Polasaí Úsáide Inghlactha seo le páistí a chosaint ar rioscaí féideartha, cinntíonn sé go dtacaíonn an teicneolaíocht leis an bhfoghlaim seachas í a chur as a riocht, agus cuireann sé timpeallacht dhearfach shlán ar líne chun cinn do chách.

Leagtar amach sa pholasaí seo na hionchais, na freagrachtaí agus na nósanna imeachta a chabhraíonn lenár bpobal scoile an leas is fearr a bhaint as uirlisí digiteacha agus leas, príobháideacht agus sábháilteacht gach dalta a chosaint.

Tá na treoirlínte seo mar chuid de Pholasaí Úsáide Inghlactha iomlán na scoile agus baineann siad le gach feiste dhigiteach, ardán agus seirbhís ar líne a úsáidtear i dtimpeallacht na scoile.

Tá rialacha na scoile mar atá leagtha amach sa Chód Iompair i bhfeidhm i gcónaí agus gléasanna digiteacha in úsáid.

2. Teicneolaíocht Dhigiteach i Scoil Chrónáin

Chun a chinntiú go n-úsáidtear uirlisí digiteacha go sábháilte, go freagrach agus go héifeachtach, soláthraíonn Scoil Chrónáin ionchais shoiléire do dhaltaí ag gach céim dá mbunoidéachas.

Ní úsáidfeadh teicneolaíocht dhigiteach ach amháin nuair a bheidh múinteoirí sa seomra ag maoirseacht a húsáide. Beidh na páistí páirteach i ngníomhaíochtaí foghlama cuí agus sannta dóibh agus beidh a fhios acu nach gceadaítear úsáid na teicneolaíochta digití ach amháin nuair a bheidh an múinteoir sa seomra ranga agus tasc sonrath sannta dóibh.

Chun é seo a chinntiú, tá sé tábhachtach tuiscint a bheith againn ar an áit, an t-am agus an bealach ina n-idirghníomhaíonn páistí agus foireann leis an teicneolaíocht i Scoil Chrónáin.

3. Forbhreathnú ar Úsáid na Teicneolaíochta sa Scoil

1. Bainistítear idirlíon Scoil Chrónáin trí Sheirbhís Leathanbhanda na mBunscoileanna.
2. Úsáideann Scoil Chrónáin Google mar a hardán foghlama.
3. Léiríonn an tábla seo a leanas úsáid na teicneolaíochta de réir leibhéal ranga agus na nithe a bhaineann leis an bPolasaí Úsáide Inghlactha:

Ranganna Infheidhme	Úsáid Tipiciúil na Teicneolaíochta	Breithnithe AUP
Naíonáin Bheaga & Naíonáin Mhóra	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cláir bhána idirghníomhacha do ghníomhaíochtaí ranga iomlána• Scileanna bunúsacha feistí (tapáil, tarraingt, grianghraif a thógáil)• Éisteacht le scéalta digiteacha nó gníomhaíochtaí fóineolaíochta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maoirseacht dhlúth ó dhaoine fásta• Úsáid an chlár bháin do ghníomhaíochtaí roghnaithe ag an múinteoir amháin• Réamhrá do rialacha simplí: láimhseáil chúramach, comhroinnt, fanacht ar an tasc
Rang 1 & Rang 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cláir bhána idirghníomhacha• Scileanna bunúsacha feistí	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rialacha soiléire maidir le rochtain ar shuíomhanna gréasáin

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Éisteacht le scéalta digiteacha Gníomhaíochtaí foghlama simplí 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasfhocail bainistithe le tacaíocht an mhúinteora Treisiú ar iompar measúil ar líne agus as líne
Rang 3 & Rang 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clóscríobh téacsanna gearra Úsáid aipeanna líníochta nó cur i láthair Úsáid threoraithe an idirlín le haghaidh taighde Úsáid ardáin foghlama chun obair a roinnt Réamhrá ar shábháilteacht ar líne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rialacha soiléire maidir le suíomhanna gréasáin Bainistiú pasfhocal le tacaíocht Iompar measúil ar líne agus as líne Freagracht mhéadaithe as iompar cuí Tábhacht tagairtí agus úsáid eiticíúil ábhair Béim ar chuardach sábháilte agus smaointeoireacht chriticiúil
Rang 5 & Rang 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Úsáid Chromebooks Tionscadail ilmheán Códú (m.sh. Scratch) Measúnú ar fhaisnéis ar líne Úsáid ríomhphoist/ardán foghlama faoi mhairseacht Ullmhúchán don mheánscoil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treoirínte soiléire maidir le huirlisí cumarsáide Tuiscint ar lorg digiteach agus cibearbhulaíocht Cruthú agus comhroinnt fhreagrach ábhar
Children with Special Educational Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uirlisí digiteacha tacaíochta molta ag an NCSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maoirseacht an mhúinteora Treoirínte agus ionchais shoiléire maidir lena n-úsáid

4. Laghdú Riosca

Úsáideann an scoil na straitéisí seo a leanas:

- Bogearraí scagtha chun rochtain ar ábhar míchuí a laghdú
- Scagadh Leibhéal 4 ar an líonra scoile
- Gan bogearraí neamhcheadaithe a íoslódáil
- Cead riachtanach do ghléasanna stórála seachtracha
- Cosaint víris cothrom le dáta
- Maoirseacht múinteora i gcónaí
- Fíorú ábhair ag múinteoirí roimh úsáid

5. Cur Chun Cinn Úsáid Shábháilte an Idirlín

- Oideachas sábháilteachta idirlín mar chuid den churaclam
- Ceardlanna Internet Safety (R3–R6)
- Seisiúin eolais do thuismitheoirí
- Oiliúint leanúnach do mhúinteoirí
- Aitheantas ar Lá Idirlín Níos Sábháilte

- Comhaontú tuismitheoirí leis an AUP

Teicneolaíocht Dhigiteach	Breithnithe maidir le Teicneolaíocht Dhigiteach
Ríomhphost & Teachtaireachtaí	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gan cuntais ríomhphoist do dhaltaí • Cumarsáid trí Aladdin • Úsáid seoltaí oifigiúla scoile
Meáin Shóisialta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ní úsáideann an scoil meáin shóisialta • Suíomh gréasáin: www.scoilchronain.ie
Gléasanna Pearsanta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toirmeasc ar ghléasanna pearsanta • Ceadáítear teicneolaíocht chúnta nuair is gá
Ardáin Foghlama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Úsáid Google • Logáil isteach pictiúr-bhunaithe • Gan pasfhocail a roinnt
Gabháil Fuaime, Íomhánna & Físeáin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceadaithe ag pearsanra ainmnithe • Cead riachtanach • Cosaint ar leas agus ar chlú daltaí
Suíomh Gréasáin na Scoile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foilsiú obair daltaí le cead • Gan sonraí pearsanta a fhoilsiú • Gan aghaidheanna páistí a fhoilsiú • Monatóireacht rialta ar ábhar
Cibearbhulaíocht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sainmhíniú de réir pholasáí “Bí Cineálta” • D’fhéadfadh teachtaireacht aonuaire a bheith ina bulaíocht • Is féidir leis tarlú ag am ar bith • Tionchar suntasach ar dhaltaí • Tá cosc iomlán ar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ciapadh • maslaí • náiriú ar líne
Intleacht Shaorga (AI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Úsáid freagrach agus eiticiúil • Oiliúint do fhoireann agus do dhaltaí • Comhlíonadh GDPR • Cosc ar shonraí pearsanta a chur isteach • Ní cheadáítear ábhar díobhálach AI

6. Mí-Úsáid na Teicneolaíochta

Tá cosc ar:

- Gníomhaíochtaí mídhleathacha
- Ábhar ciníoch nó pornagrafach
- Bogearraí cóipchirt gan chead
- Seachaint scagairí
- Cearrbhachas ar líne
- Siopadóireacht ar líne
- Meáin shóisialta

7. Smachtbhannaí:

- Rabhaidh
- Cailliúint rochtana
- Fionraí nó díbirt

8. Eachtraí Lasmuigh den Scoil

Déanfaidh an scoil déileáil le cásanna a théann i bhfeidhm ar dhaltaí sa scoil.

9. Toiliú Tuismitheoirí

1. Aontaím leis an bpolasaí
2. Tuigim cuspóir oideachasúil an idirlín
3. Glacaim le foilsiú obair mo pháiste

Aguisín 1: Leagan Cairdiúil do Dhaltaí

Conas a Úsáidimid Teicneolaíocht inár Scoil

Úsáidimid teicneolaíocht inár scoil chun cabhrú linn foghlaim, cruthú agus oibriú le chéile. Úsáideann ranganna éagsúla teicneolaíocht ar bhealaí difriúla. Is cuma cén rang ina bhfuil tú, tá sé tábhachtach gléasanna a úsáid go sábháilte, go cineálta agus go freagrach. Ní úsáidimid teicneolaíocht dhigiteach ach amháin nuair a bhíonn múinteoir sa seomra agus nuair a shanntar obair dúinn le déanamh acu ag baint úsáide as teicneolaíocht dhigiteach.

Naíonáin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cluichí foghlama• Scéalta• Clár bán Rialacha: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bí cúramach• Roinn• Fan ar an tasc
Rang 1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clóscríobh• Cur i láthair simplí• Taighde le múinteoir Rialacha: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suíomhanna ceadaithe amháin• Pasfhocail príobháideacha• Bí cineálta
Rang 3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taighde• Tionscadail• Obair i gcomhar Rialacha: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smaoinigh sula gliceálann tú• Bí cúramach
Rang 5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Físeáin agus podchraoltaí• Códú• Measúnú faisnéise Rialacha: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumarsáid fhreagrach• Tuig lorg digiteach

Rialacha Ginearálta Sábháilteachta

1. Úsáid le cead an mhúinteora
2. Bí cineálta
3. Coinnigh faisnéis príobháideach
4. Fan sábháilte ar líne
5. Tabhair aire do ghléasanna
6. Úsáid uirlisí cumarsáide go freagrach
7. Iarmhairtí má bhristear rialacha
8. Iarr cabhair má tá tú míchinnte

1. Introduction

Digital technology is now an essential part of teaching and learning in Scoil Chrónáin. From interactive lessons and creative projects to research, communication, and skill-building, digital tools help our children explore ideas, collaborate with others, and develop the competencies they will need in an increasingly digital world. The *Primary School Curriculum* and the *Digital Strategy for Schools* support this. When used well, these resources enrich the curriculum, support different learning styles, and open up opportunities for pupils to think critically, solve problems, and express themselves in new and meaningful ways.

Digital technology supports the development of digital literacy, creativity, communication skills and critical thinking. Pupils engage with technology in age-appropriate ways that enhance learning across all subject areas.

Because digital technologies support school life, it is important that they are used safely, respectfully, and responsibly. This Acceptable Use Policy provides clear guidance for pupils, staff, and parents on how digital resources are accessed and used within the school.

This Acceptable Use Policy helps protect children from potential risks, ensures that technology supports learning, rather than distracts from it, and promotes a positive, secure online environment for everyone.

This policy sets out the expectations, responsibilities, and procedures that help our school community make the most of digital tools while safeguarding the wellbeing, privacy, and safety of all pupils.

These guidelines form part of the school's overall Acceptable Use Policy and apply to all digital devices, platforms, and online services used within the school environment.

The rules of the school as laid out in the Code of Behaviour apply at all times when using digital devices.

2. Digital Technology in Scoil Chrónáin

To ensure that digital tools are used safely, responsibly, and effectively, Scoil Chrónáin provides clear expectations for pupils at each stage of their primary education.

Digital technology will only be used when teachers are in the room supervising its use.

The children will be engaged in appropriate and assigned learning activities and will know that the use of digital technology is only permitted when the teacher is in the classroom and has assigned them a specific task.

It is also important to have an understanding of where, when, and how children and staff interact with technology in Scoil Chrónáin.

3. Overview of Digital Technology Use in the School

1. Scoil Chrónáin's internet is managed via the Primary School's Broadband Service
2. Scoil Chrónáin uses Google as its' learning platform.
3. The following table sets out the use of technology by class level in Scoil Chrónáin and highlights the Acceptable Use Policy considerations that apply. Identifying this progression throughout the child's time in Scoil Chrónáin helps the school:
 - Set age-appropriate expectations for digital behaviour
 - Ensure consistent supervision and safe access
 - Promote responsible, respectful and ethical use of technology
 - Support pupils in developing the digital skills outlined in the Primary School Curriculum.
 - Provide clarity for staff, parents, and pupils about what is appropriate at each stage
 - Protect pupils from online risks, including exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and unsafe communication

Applicable Classes	Typical Use of Technology	AUP Considerations
Naíonáin Bheaga & Naíonáin Mhóra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive whiteboards for whole-class activities Basic device skills (tapping, dragging, taking photos) Listening to digital stories or phonics activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close adult supervision required Whiteboard used only for teacher-selected activities Introduction to simple rules: careful handling, sharing, staying on task
Rang 1 & Rang 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive whiteboards for whole-class activities Basic device skills (tapping, dragging, taking photos) Listening to digital stories or phonics activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear rules for accessing websites Passwords managed with teacher support Reinforcement of respectful behaviour online and offline
Rang 3 & Rang 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typing short pieces of text Using drawing or presentation apps Guided internet use for simple research Using learning platforms to share work Introduction to online safety concepts Use of Chromebooks/Tablets in class Independent online research for projects Creating digital presentations, posters, and recordings Word processing for longer writing tasks Using shared documents for collaboration Understanding privacy and reliable information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear rules for accessing websites Passwords managed with teacher support Reinforcement of respectful behaviour online and offline Increased responsibility for appropriate online behaviour Expectations around citing sources and using content ethically Emphasis on safe searching and critical thinking
Rang 5 & Rang 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of Chromebooks in class Multimedia projects Coding activities (e.g., Scratch) Evaluating online information Using email / learning platforms under supervision Preparing for post-primary digital skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear guidelines for communication tools Understanding digital footprints and cyberbullying Responsible creation and sharing of digital content
Children with Special Educational Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students across various classes may have NCSE recommended and approved digital support tools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher supervision Clear guidelines on their use and clear expectations on their use.

4. Reducing Risk

The school employs a number of strategies in order to reduce risks associated with using technology and the internet. These strategies are as follows:

- Filtering software and/or equivalent systems to minimise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material. This is done via the School Broadband Filtering and Internal School Filtering which can restrict any sites that are not filtered by Schools Broadband.
- Scoil Chrónáin has chosen Level 4 Content Filtering on the Schools Broadband Network: *This level allows access to millions of websites including games and YouTube but blocks access to websites belonging to the 'personal websites' category and websites such as 'Facebook' belonging to the Social Networking category.*
- Uploading and downloading of non-approved software is not be permitted.
- The use of personal external digital storage media in school, requires school permission.
- Virus protection software inbuilt into the operating system is used and updated on a regular basis.
- Internet use by students within school is always supervised by a teacher
- Teachers ensure that they have viewed and verified all content before showing it to students.

5. Promoting Safer Use of the Internet:

Scoil Chrónáin implements the following strategies on promoting safer use of the internet:

- Pupils are provided with education in the area of internet safety as part of our implementation of the SPHE and other curriculum areas.
- Children from R3 - R6 will participate in Internet Safety workshops every year and an Internet Safety information session for parents will be held once every three years.
- Teachers will be provided with continuing professional development opportunities in the area of internet safety. This will be done via Education Centre training opportunities.
- Safer Internet Day is acknowledged by the school and safe practices online are promoted.

- Scoil Chrónáin requests parents to read, understand and agree to accept and adhere to Scoil Chrónáin’s Acceptable Use Policy when their child is enrolled initially.

Internet / Digital Technology	Considerations
Email & Messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students in Scoil Chrónáin currently do not have access to a school email address. ● The school uses Aladdin Schools Management System to send communications to the greater school community on a whole school level. ● Parents communicate with class teachers and the school office via particular email addresses ending in xxx@scoilchronain.ie. These email addresses are provided to parents at the start of the year.
Social Media & Messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scoil Chrónáin does not operate or use any social media account ● Scoil Chrónáin operates the website www.scoilchronain.ie
Personal Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The school does not permit students to bring in any device that can capture and transmit data in audio or visual form and/or connect to the internet. ● The school does not permit students to bring in any device that can take photographs. ● Assistive technology for certain students is allowed, as recommended by the NCSE, Department of Education and Youth, for children who have particular learning requirements. ● Students are not permitted to use their own personal devices, e.g. laptops
Digital Learning Platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scoil Chrónáin uses Google Software. ● Students who have Chromebook access use a picture login to authenticate their login-credentials. ● Passwords for digital platforms and accounts should not be shared. ● Personal email addresses are not to be used when creating accounts on school digital platforms.
Capturing Audio, Images & Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recording audio, taking photos or videos on school grounds or when participating in school activities is allowed by certain designated persons. ● In doing so, care must be taken to ensure no harm is done to staff or pupils of Scoil Chrónáin and that permission has been granted. ● Care should be taken when capturing audio, photographic or video images of students engaging in curricular activities, such as being appropriately dressed and that they are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute ● See also Photography/ Recording Policy.
School Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scoil Chrónáin operates and administers www.scoilchronain.ie ● Students will be given the opportunity to publish projects, artwork or school work on the website in accordance with school guidelines and approval processes regarding the content that can be loaded to the school’s website. ● Students will continue to own the copyright on any work published ● The website will be regularly checked by the Deputy Principal to ensure that there is no content that compromises the safety, privacy, or reputation of students or staff. ● Scoil Chrónáin will use only digital photographs, audio or video clips focusing on group activities and children’s work. Faces of children may be shared via Aladdin Frame with permission from parents/guardians. ● The publication of student work will be coordinated by the class teacher. ● Personal student information including home address and contact details will not be published on Scoil Chrónáin web pages. ● Scoil Chrónáin will avoid publishing the first name and last name of students in video or photograph captions published online. ● The school will ensure that the image files are appropriately named and will not use students’ names in image file names or ALT tags if published online.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webpages such as Google Classroom that allow comments or user-generated content will be pre-moderated and checked by class teachers frequently to ensure that they do not contain any inappropriate or offensive content.
<p>Cyber Bullying</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with Scoil Chrónáin’s “Bí Cineálta” policy posting a single harmful message/image/video online which is highly likely to be reposted or shared with others can be seen as bullying behaviour. • This type of bullying is increasingly common and is continuously evolving. It is bullying carried out through the use of information and communication technologies such as text, social media, e-mail, messaging, apps, gaming sites, chat-rooms and other online technologies. • Being the target of inappropriate or hurtful messages is the most common form of online bullying. As cyberbullying uses technology to perpetrate bullying behaviour and does not require face to face contact, cyberbullying can occur at any time (day or night). Many forms of bullying can be facilitated through cyberbullying. For example, a target may be sent homophobic text messages or pictures may be posted with negative comments about a person’s sexuality, appearance etc. • Access to technology means that cyberbullying can happen around the clock and the student’s home may not even be a safe haven from such bullying. Students are increasingly communicating in ways that are often unknown to adults and free from supervision. The nature of these technologies means digital content can be shared and seen by a very wide audience almost instantly and is almost impossible to delete permanently. While cyberbullying often takes place at home and at night, the impact can also be felt in school. • In accordance with the schools “Bí Cineálta” policy, Scoil Chrónáin considers that a once-off offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour. • When using the internet students, parents and staff are expected to treat others with respect at all times. • Engaging in online activities with the intention to harm, harass, or embarrass another student, member of staff or the wider school community is an unacceptable and absolutely prohibited behaviour, with serious consequences and sanctions for those involved. • Measures are taken by Scoil Chrónáin to ensure that staff and students are aware that bullying is defined as targeted behaviour, online or offline, that causes harm. The harm caused can be physical, social and/or emotional in nature. Bullying behaviour is repeated over time and involves an imbalance of power in relationships between two people or groups of people in society. Posting a single harmful message/image/video online which is highly likely to be reposted or shared with others can however be seen as bullying behaviour. • The prevention of cyberbullying is an integral part of our schools “Bí Cineálta” policy. • In accordance with the Department of Education Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post Primary Schools; Scoil Chrónáin considers that a school is not expected to deal with bullying behaviour that occurs when students are not under the care or responsibility of the school. However, where this bullying behaviour has an impact in school, we will endeavour to support the students involved. Where the bullying behaviour continues in school, we will deal with it in accordance with our Bí Cineálta policy
<p>Artificial Intelligence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoil Chrónáin recognises the potential benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and is committed to its responsible and ethical use within our learning environment. • Scoil Chrónáin will aim to provide training and professional development opportunities for teachers to effectively utilise AI tools in their teaching practices, ensuring they stay up to date with technological advancements. • The selection of AI tools and technologies in Scoil Chrónáin aligns with educational goals, including supporting learner agency and promoting critical thinking. • AI technologies are integrated into the curriculum to enhance learner outcomes and experiences. • Scoil Chrónáin integrates AI into its educational processes to enhance learning, foster innovation, and promote the development of critical skills.

- Scoil Chrónáin will make necessary adjustments to our school's adoption and integration of AI based on review and feedback.
- A regular review of the impact of AI on learning outcomes will be conducted to ensure continuous improvement and to keep abreast of new developments.
- School staff and students will receive training on the ethical use of AI technologies, including understanding data privacy, identifying biases, and verifying AI-generated information.
- All AI tools authorised for use in Scoil Chrónáin comply with data protection regulations (GDPR).
- Entering personal, sensitive, or confidential data into any AI system without proper authorisation is strictly prohibited.
- Students will not create, share or send any AI generated material that is illegal, obscene, and defamatory or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.
- Staff and students must not use AI in any way to harass, insult, abuse or defame students, staff and other members of the wider Scoil Chrónáin community.
- Staff and students must not engage in activities involving AI generated material which might bring Scoil Chrónáin into disrepute.
- Scoil Chrónáin promotes digital literacy and critical thinking skills to help students understand AI, its implications, and responsible usage. This includes data literacy, verification of AI-generated information, and recognising potential biases in AI tools.
- The Deputy Principal will provide an information session for staff at the start of the school year. Teachers in Rang 3-6 will relay this information to their students.
- AI systems used in Scoil Chrónáin ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in decision-making processes. Students must attribute AI text and images properly when used in assignments/homework. Teachers will attribute AI text and images when used.
- AI Generated material is allowed for the purpose of research, brainstorming, and revising text.
- AI Generated material is allowed for certain activities with prior school permission

6. Misuse of Digital Technology and Internet

When using the internet and any digital devices, students, parents, visitors and staff are expected:

- To treat others with respect at all times.
- Respect the right to privacy of all other members of the school community.
- Respect copyright and acknowledge creators when using online content and resources.
- Not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.

Members of the school community - the school community being staff, students, parents and ancillary service providers -

- must not use social media, messaging services and the internet in any way to harass, impersonate, insult, abuse or defame others.
- must not discuss personal information about pupils, staff and other members of the Scoil Chrónáin community on social media.
- must not use school email addresses for setting up personal social media accounts or to communicate through such media.
- must not engage in activities involving social media which might bring Scoil Chrónáin into disrepute.

- must not represent their personal views as those of being Scoil Chrónáin on any social medium.

7. Inappropriate Activities

The school considers the following as inappropriate activities that could result in sanctions in line with the School Chrónáin Code of Behaviour and other relevant policies and legislation. This is not an exhaustive list:

- Promotion or conduct of illegal acts, e.g. under the child protection, obscenity, computer misuse and fraud legislation
- Racist material
- Pornography
- Promotion of any kind of discrimination
- Promotion of racial or religious hatred
- Harmful content or threatening behaviour, including promotion of physical violence or mental harm
- Any other information which may be offensive to students and staff or breaches the integrity of the ethos of the school or brings the school into disrepute
- Using school systems to run a private business
- Using systems, applications, websites or other mechanisms that bypass the filtering or other safeguards employed by the school
- Uploading, downloading or transmitting commercial software or any copyrighted materials belonging to third parties, without the necessary licensing permissions
- Revealing or publicising confidential or proprietary information (e.g. financial / personal information, databases, computer / network access codes and passwords)
- Creating or propagating computer viruses or other harmful files
- Carrying out sustained or instantaneous high volume network traffic (downloading / uploading files) that causes network congestion and hinders others in their use of the internet
- Online gaming
- Online gambling
- Online shopping
- Use of social networking sites, instant messaging and online forums
- Child sexual abuse material
- Any other activity considered questionable

Where the Scoil Chrónáin Acceptable Use Policy is not adhered to, sanctions including disciplinary action, written warnings and other sanctions set out in the Scoil Chrónáin Code of Behaviour - up to and including suspension or expulsion - will be imposed.

Students taking steps to by-pass the content filter by using proxy sites, or other means, will be subject to disciplinary action, including written warnings. Sanctions outlined in the Code of Behaviour up to and including suspension or expulsion will be imposed.

Misuse of the internet will result in disciplinary action, including written warnings, withdrawal of access privileges, sanctions as outlined in the Code of Behaviour and in extreme cases, suspension or expulsion.

Scoil Chrónáin also reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

8. Dealing with Inappropriate Online Behaviour Incidences that Occur Outside of School

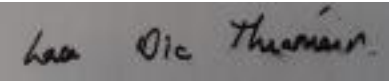
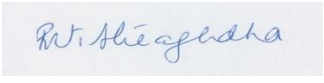
Scoil Chrónáin will deal with incidents that take place outside the school that impact on the wellbeing of students or staff with reference to this Acceptable Use Policy, the school's Code of Behaviour and our Bí Cineálta policy.

In such cases Scoil Chrónáin will, where known, inform parents/guardians of incidents of inappropriate online behaviour that take place outside of school.

9. Acceptance of Acceptable Use Policy and Permissions from Parents

The following will be requested from parents/guardians as the student enrolls in Scoil Chrónáin via the Enrolment Form or via the Aladdin Permission Function.

1. As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I agree to follow the school's Acceptable Use Policy on the use of the internet and digital technologies. I will use the internet and digital technologies in a responsible way and follow all the procedures outlined in the policy.
2. As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and I understand that Internet access is intended for educational purposes. I also understand that every reasonable precaution has been taken by the school to provide for online safety but the school cannot be held responsible if students access unsuitable websites.
3. As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, in relation to the school website, I accept that, if the school considers it appropriate, my child's schoolwork may be chosen for inclusion on the website. I understand and accept the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy relating to publishing students' work on the school website.

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Appendix 1: Student Friendly Version of the Acceptable Use Policy

How We Use Technology in Our School

We use technology in our school to help us learn, create, and work together. Different classes use technology in different ways. No matter what class you are in, it's important to use devices safely, kindly, and responsibly. We only use digital technology when there is a teacher in the room and they have assigned us work to do using digital technology.

Junior Infants – Senior Infants	How we use technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We play learning games on tablets• We listen to stories and sounds• We use the interactive whiteboard together• We learn how to tap, drag, and take simple photos What we need to remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use devices gently• Share with others• Stay on the apps the teacher chooses
1st – 2nd Class	How we use technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We type full sentences• We draw and make simple presentations• We look up information with the teacher• We use learning apps to show our work What we need to remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only go on websites the teacher allows• Keep passwords private• Be kind and respectful online
3rd – 4th Class	How we use technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We research topics for projects• We make posters, slideshows, and recordings• We type longer pieces of writing• We work together on shared documents What we need to remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think before clicking or searching• Use information from the internet responsibly• Be careful with what we share online
5th – 6th Class	How we use technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We make videos, podcasts, and presentations• We learn basic coding• We check if information online is trustworthy• We use email or learning platforms with the teacher What we need to remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use communication tools responsibly• Understand that what we do online leaves a digital footprint• Never post or share anything hurtful or unkind

Using Technology Safely in Our School

Technology helps us learn, create, and work together. To keep everyone safe and happy online, we follow these rules whenever we use school devices, the internet, or online learning platforms:

1. Main Rules

- ✓ We only use devices when my teacher is in the room and says it is allowed.
- ✓ We stay on the apps, websites, and activities my teacher chooses.
- ✓ We use technology to help us learn, not to play games that are not allowed.

2. I am Kind and Respectful Online

- ✓ I treat others online the same way I treat them in real life.
- ✓ I never send unkind messages or share anything that could hurt someone.

3. I Keep My Information Private

- ✓ I never share my full name, address, phone number, or passwords.
- ✓ If I see something online that makes me uncomfortable, I tell an adult straight away.

4. I Stay Safe When Searching Online

- ✓ I only visit websites my teacher has approved.
- ✓ I close the screen and tell an adult if I see something inappropriate.
- ✓ I understand that not everything online is true.
- ✓

5. I Look After School Devices

- ✓ I use devices gently and responsibly.
- ✓ I carry tablets and laptops carefully.
- ✓ I never change settings, install apps, or download anything without permission.

6. I Use Communication Tools Responsibly (Senior Classes)

- ✓ I use learning platforms only for schoolwork.
- ✓ I write messages that are polite and clear.
- ✓ I never contact strangers or reply to messages that seem unsafe.

7. If I Break the Rules

- ✓ I understand that breaking these rules may mean losing access to devices for a time.
- ✓ Serious issues will be shared with my parents or guardians.
- ✓ I may have other school privileges taken away from me

8. If I'm Unsure, I Ask

- ✓ If I ever feel unsure, confused, or worried about something online, I will talk to my teacher or another trusted adult.