

STRAWBERRY VALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL *INTERNET USE POLICY*

Although the interconnected world-wide web of computers known as the Internet can provide students with useful, current information, the Internet can also provide access to material that is less than desirable. There will be no email use for Strawberry Vale students.

Because we would like students to enjoy the positive benefits of continued access to the Internet, we believe that a policy demanding responsible use is required. The rationale for student use of the Internet is based on the following curriculum goals:

1. to learn the basic procedures and skills to log into a host computer
2. to develop a basic understanding of telecommunications technology
3. to learn to use search tools to locate information for curriculum related activities

Expectations

- Students will be permitted access to the Internet only when a staff member is present.
- Students will communicate only with on-line contacts approved by their teachers.
- Students are expected to behave responsibly and politely when on-line.
- Students may need to have their messages read and approved by a staff member before being sent.
- Use of obscene or illegal material is prohibited, as is opening one's self to people wishing to make inappropriate contacts with students.
- Neither students nor parents will hold the school or school district liable for any materials retrieved from the Internet.
- Students will honour copyright laws.
- Students will not attempt to access administration programs or material, or vandalize computer settings.
- Students will ask permission from the supervisor before printing.
- School staff will determine what constitutes acceptable practice and behaviour.

Sanctions

- Violations will result in a loss of access.
- Additional disciplinary action may be determined by the administration of Strawberry Vale Elementary School or by the administration of the Greater Victoria School District.

STUDENT: *I have read Strawberry Vale's Internet Use Policy. I agree to follow the regulations contained in the policy. I understand that if I break any of the regulations, my access to the Internet may be terminated and that I may face further disciplinary action.*

Student's Name

Student's Signature

Teacher

Div. Grade

Date

PARENT / GUARDIAN: *I have read Strawberry Vale's Internet Use Policy and agree to abide by the provisions therein. I give permission for my child to receive access to the Internet services. I hereby release Strawberry Vale Elementary School, Greater Victoria School District (#61), and its personnel from any claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of the school's Internet services.*

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

Phone Number

Date