USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING MEDIA

Social networking media (e.g. Facebook, MSN, mobile phones) has the potential to harm the reputation of the school, to make public sensitive information and to portray individuals in a negative manner, so, despite the fact that the use of such media may occur in students’ own time, using their own computers and/or mobile phones, Aranmore Catholic Primary School has the right and responsibility to insist upon appropriate behaviour by all students.

STUDENTS MUST:

- Take care when posting to any public website (i.e. facebook, MSN) that comments do not harm the reputation of the school – even if the online activities are entirely unrelated to the school.
- Take steps to ensure that any person making contact via a social networking website is who they claim to be, before allowing them access to their personal information.
- Ensure that personal information is not accessible via a ‘Public’ setting, but ensure that it is set to a ‘Friends’ only level of visibility.
- Take steps to ensure that they protect themselves when online. Do not publish personal information (e.g. addresses, birthdays, phone numbers). Always protect their password and login details.

Please note: REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNT SECURITY FROM FACEBOOK STATES THAT:

- You are not permitted to have a Facebook account if under the age of 13.

STUDENTS MUST NOT:

- Request / add any staff member to their ‘friends’ list.
- Name their school.
- Post any comment which may harm the reputation of the school (i.e. comments about the school, teachers, photos / videos of unacceptable behaviour).
- Post any material clearly identifying the school uniform.
- Post any material clearly identifying any member of staff.
- Comment on any other student of their actions.
- Post any material / comments that might upset, threaten or embarrass any other students or staff members.
- Comment on any member of the Aranmore Catholic Primary School community (including teachers, parents, board members, staff members, other students).
- Post any material that can be linked to Aranmore Catholic Primary School that may damage the reputation of the school.
- Post any material which may bring into question their good reputation.
- Post any material clearly identifying themselves, any other student, or any member of staff that could potentially be used to embarrass, harass, or defame.
- Post any comments or materials that are in contrast with the beliefs of the Catholic Church, the vision and values and the Aranmore school ethos.
USE OF WEB 2.0 TECHNOLOGY (SUCH AS YOUTUBE)
Students must ensure that they do not harm the reputation of Aranmore Catholic Primary School, other students or themselves through the material which they upload.

STUDENTS MUST:
- Always gain the permission of all individuals before uploading images, videos, recordings.
- Always seek to ensure that they consider their personal reputation before uploading any material.

STUDENTS MUST NOT:
- Post any material which features the Aranmore Catholic Primary School uniform.
- Upload any material filmed within the school grounds, without the permission of the Leadership Team.
- Upload any material of the school buildings, children, staff, parents filmed outside the school grounds, without the permission of the Leadership Team.

MOBILE PHONES
- Mobile phones are not permitted at school. If your child is walking to and from school or catching a bus and parents require them to have a mobile phone, parents will need to notify the school in writing and mobile phones will be kept in the office during school hours.

STUDENTS MUST NOT:
- Use their mobile phone to take photos or record any video footage within the school grounds, without the permission of the Leadership Team.
- Use their mobile phone to take photos or record any video footage of the school buildings, children, staff, parents outside the school grounds, without the permission of the Leadership Team.