

Guidelines for posting on the kidsblog

These guidelines are informed by the child-centred democratic ethos of the school coupled with the school's vision which is to enable the children to reach their full potential and to prepare them for further education.

Value yourself

I will show respect for myself through my actions. When posting comments I will stay on topic and use positive language. If I don't have anything nice to say, I won't say anything at all. Criticising or complaining is not a good way to present myself to the on-line world. I will check my spelling and grammar before posting and take pride in my best effort.

Value others

I will show appreciation for others. I will be kind because the students have put in a lot of effort into their work. When posting comments I will discuss the content of the article not the writer or the layout/spelling etc. I will be positive, sensitive and responsible.

Respect the work of the school

My comments on the kidsblog will show respect for the work of students. Some parents and children might like to read the blog to see what we do in class and we get to find out what other classes are working on. The blog shows the interesting and exciting projects undertaken by the children in the school. It allows students to speak for themselves. When my fellow students do a blog post on an outing or an activity, their parents are given an opportunity to see their child's work. I will not disrespect the work of other students or hurt their parents' feelings.

Communicate with courtesy

I will show courtesy by identifying myself when posting comments. I will try to contribute something that will make others feel good about themselves. I will not show a lack of courtesy by writing posts that are too long, angry, in block capitals (shouting), in poor taste or disrespectful, using swear words or trolling (doing anything on the internet to provoke anger or frustration).

Respect the rights of others

I will respect the rights of those who oversee the kidsblog. I am aware that it is not practical to expect comments to be responded to. I accept that it will not be possible to be notified if my comment is not posted, or if it is edited. I can provide information about links to suitable websites and make constructive advice. I understand that comments that advertise products are not permitted. I appreciate that the kidsblog isn't about providing entertainment and the content is to promote learning within the context of the school curriculum and must always be suitable for a primary school.

