

E-Learning Acceptable Usage policy – Glossary

Web 2.0 - A term that refers to Internet-based services which include tools that let people collaborate and share information online, such as social networking sites, wikis and blogs

Blog – an online journal or diary which is regularly updated (e.g. a learning log)

Wiki - A website that several people can work on collaboratively e.g. Wikipedia

Instant Messaging (IM) - The ability to exchange real time text based messages with another computer user on the Internet. E.g. MSN

Social Networking - Interactive communication in which participants in online communities such as Facebook share thoughts, photos, etc. with members of their own personal networks.

Buddy List – address book of online contacts

Rafi-ki - a global online community which aims to develop young people's understanding of global issues and allow them to communicate and work collaboratively with students all over the world by email, video conferencing or online chat.

Hacking – gaining unauthorised entry to computer systems

Proxy Server – a website which can be used to bypass filters set by the school or LEA to prevent students accessing unsuitable material on the web.