



# OSWESTRY SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1407

## Wireless access to the internet

The school is covered by wireless internet. In practice this means that any pupil who so wishes may access the internet *via the school's computer system*. As access is gained via the school's system this means that the pupils' laptops must adhere to the ICT policies in place at the school. It also means that access to the internet is limited; sites blocked by the school will also be blocked for any pupil using the wireless service.

Any pupil wishing to avail themselves of this service will need to have the appropriate anti-virus software loaded onto their machines as well as having their machine screened for viruses; we obviously can't run the risk of the school's system being contaminated by viruses from pupils' machines. Parents should give their consent to this before their child's machine is configured. These checks will be conducted by PMC to whom the school outsources its ICT support. An annual charge, currently £24, will be made for each laptop granted access to the school's system which covers the cost of a system compatibility check, installation of any necessary software and a virus check.

If parents agree that they would like their child to avail him/herself of this facility, they should indicate this at section 11 of the Registration Form. Once we receive this permission we will take necessary steps to ensure the child's laptop is configured. Please note there may be some delay at the start of term before PMC can configure all the laptops.

Note to parents/guardians of boarders – this facility extends to the boarding houses. However, please note the facility is not available at all hours (i.e. during the night!). The system can be configured to allow the access of individual machines to the internet/email to be shut down at different times depending on the age of the pupil owning the laptop.

All students still have access to the internet through the school's PCs e.g. in the library/boarding houses/computer rooms and it is by no means compulsory for students to have their own laptop.

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