

Blogging in the Classroom: Guidelines and Tips for Teachers

Things to consider:

- Choose an appropriate blogging platform for your situation

[Wordpress \(class pages as part of the school website\)](#)

[Edublogs](#)

- If more than one class intend to set up a blog consider setting up a school-wide blog, allowing all classes to share their blog posts in the same place (this could be organised by class)
- Appoint 2 members of staff to administrate the blog
- Ensure that redundant blogs (i.e. when a session ends) are deleted promptly
- Understand why and how you will use it in your class
- Understand the features you and your students will need to use
- Set up a **class** account
- Set the rules for/and in collaboration with students
- Create a code of ethics
- Ensure any blogging is carried out within the framework and teaching of robust [digital safety](#)
- Ensure you have permission from the Head Teacher
- Ensure you have parental permission
- Let parents know what you will be doing and types of content they will expect to see on the blog
- Ensure you fully understand and adhere to relevant council policy including 'ICT Acceptable Use Policy' and 'Photographing and Videoing of Children in Educational Establishments Policy'
- Ensure all posts are monitored by you before being posted to check for appropriate content, grammatical accuracy etc.
- Encourage and monitor comments/feedback from parents and other pupils