



Acceptable Internet Use Policy – Pupils

This document is a guide to young people to be responsible and stay safe while using the Internet and other communication technologies. It clearly states what use of computer resources is acceptable and what is not. Irresponsible use may result in the loss of Internet or computer access, contact with parents or in the event of illegal activities contact with the police.

- I will only access the school network through my authorised username and password. I will not use the passwords of others.
- I will not use the school IT systems / devices for personal or recreational use, for accessing social media sites, on-line gaming, gambling, internet shopping, file sharing or video broadcasting.
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal, inappropriate or which may cause harm and distress to others.
- I will not try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering and security systems in place.
- I will not try to install programmes on any school computer or try to alter computer settings.
- I will only use my personal hand held devices (e.g. mobile phone/ipod) in school at times that are permitted. When using my own devices I understand that I have to follow the rules set out in this document.
- I will carefully write email and other on-line messages making sure the language I use is not strong, aggressive or inappropriate and shows respect for others. I am responsible for the emails I send and the contacts I make.
- I will not open emails unless I know and trust the person/organisation who has sent them.
- For my own safety and that of others, I will not disclose personal information about myself or others when on-line. I will not arrange to meet 'on-line friends'.
- I will not take, or distribute, images of anyone else without their permission.
- I will not take, or distribute, images of myself or anyone else semi-naked or naked.
- I will only use chat and social networking sites with permission and at the times that are allowed.
- I will report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it on-line.
- Where the material I research on the Internet is protected by copyright, I will not try to download copies, including music and video. I will only use the work of others found on the Internet in my own work with their permission.
- I will take care to check that information I find on the Internet is accurate and understand that some work found on the Internet can be untruthful or misleading.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving IT equipment, however this may have happened.

Pupil Signed

Date

Parent / Carer Signed

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