

Student Internet, E-Safety and ICT Acceptable Use Agreement

This Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to ensure:

- That young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- That school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

Acceptable Use Agreement

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.
- I will not share my username or password, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password.
- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating online.
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when online.
- If I arrange to meet people offline that I have communicated with online, I will do so in a public place and take an adult with me.
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it online.

I understand that everyone has equal rights to use technology as a resource and:

- I understand that the school ICT systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use the systems for personal or recreational use unless I have permission to do so.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not use the school ICT systems for online gaming or gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (eg YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.
- I will not steal, disable or damage school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.

I will act as I expect others to act toward me:

- I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without the owner's knowledge and permission.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, I will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will not take or distribute images or videos of anyone without their permission.

I recognise that the school has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will only use my personal hand held/external devices (mobile phones etc) in school if I have permission. I understand that, if I do use my own devices in school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment.
- I understand the risks and will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others, nor will I try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.

- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.
- I will not open any attachments to emails, unless I know and trust the person/organisation who sent the email, due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings.
- I will not use chat and social networking sites on the school network

When using the internet for research or recreation, I recognise that:

- I should ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not try to download copies (including music and videos)
- When I am using the internet to find information, I should take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:

- I understand that the school also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, that are covered in this agreement, when I am out of school and where they involve my membership of the school community (examples would be cyber-bullying, use of images or personal information).

Please complete the section below to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in this Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school ICT systems. If any student violates these provisions, access to the Internet will be denied and the student will be subject to disciplinary action, parents will be contacted and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

- I have read and understand the above and agree to follow these guidelines when:
- I use the school ICT systems and equipment (both in and out of school);
- I use my own equipment in school (when allowed) e.g. mobile phones, tablets, cameras etc;
- I use my own equipment out of school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school e.g. communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, website etc.

Name of Student _____

Signed (Student) _____ Date _____

As the parent/carer, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the internet and ICT systems at school. I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that they will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I recognise that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies outside the school networks. The school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Agreement. I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's E-Safety.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____