



Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Applies to: All STUDENTS both onsite and via external access to the ICT Network services.

INTRODUCTION

Various projects have proven the educational benefits of Internet access, which allows users to explore thousands of sites with curriculum content, resources such as databases, videos and online books. Users can exchange messages with other learners and teachers throughout the world but to be a user of the INTERNET service of the ICT Network you agree to the rules and regulations contained within various school policies.

There are expectations of your conduct and lists the punishments that can occur if you break the rules below. Your parent/guardian(s) will have received the full version of this policy before agreeing to your use of the Internet and are aware of these expectations and punishments.

Expectations placed upon YOU the user

1. That I use the Internet sensibly and I take a responsible approach to any resources that I may have access to.
2. That I understand that access to the Internet is a privilege and NOT a right and so may be withdrawn at any time.
3. That I should feel safe at all times whilst using the Internet, if I do not I will inform a responsible adult.

RULES FOR RESPONSIBLE INTERNET USE

I agree that I will...

- Only access the Internet on my own username & password.
- Only use the Internet during lesson times when I have permission and / or are supervised by a responsible adult.
- Only use Webmail or other email or Instant Messaging Applications during lesson times when I have permission and / or are supervised by a responsible adult.
- Never under any circumstances anonymously email, or bulk email to any other email address or Internet user.

- NEVER under ANY circumstances give out any personal information about myself or any other person including names, family information, hobbies, journey to school etc.
- Not give my mobile number to anyone who is not a friend.
- Not join a chat room or social networking site or attempt to access these without specific permission.
- Never show photographs of myself without checking with both a responsible adult and my parent/guardian(s).
- Always show a responsible adult any message or any material that is sent to me that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- Ensure I show respect to others when sending messages.
- NOT play computer games within lesson time without specific permission and/or being supervised by a responsible adult.
- NOT attempt to access material that is unsuitable e.g. Pornography, discrimination, racial or religious hatred, illegal acts, gambling or other offensive material.
- Never download software or attempt to install software anywhere onto the School ICT Network.
- Never store copyrighted music or material on the network without receiving specific permission from the ICT Network technical team.
- Never attempt to bypass in anyway the security systems used within the ICT Network.

I understand that...

- I will be remotely monitored at all times via screen monitoring software.
- Every website attempted to navigate to or searched for will be logged and can be viewed by authorised people and may be passed on to others including my parents/guardians and / or others e.g. the Police.
- Internet browsing is also logged by our Internet Service Provider (ISP) who will also have rules regarding suitability.
- That once I post a message or item on the Internet then I cannot take it back and it is completely out of my control who reads it.

What would happen if I break any of the rules?

Breaking the rules of any of the ICT Network service policies will involve a punishment of some form depending on how serious this is but includes:

- Being in isolation.
- Temporary ban from Internet Access.
- Permanent ban from the Internet.
- Ban from using computers within school.
- Letters home with a copy of the screen showing what you did to break the rules.
- Meeting with you, your Parent/Guardian(s) and a senior member of staff with a copy of the screen showing what you did.
- Exclusion from school.
- Notification to others e.g. Police, Social Services.

Student Name: _____ Date: __/__/__

1. Authorised by: _____ Headteacher

Date: September 2016

2. Authorised by: _____ Chair of Trustees

Date: September 2016

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