



Student Acceptable Use Policy

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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 treat my username and password like my toothbrush – I will not share it, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password.
- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating on-line.
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line.
- If I arrange to meet people off-line that I have communicated with on-line, I will do so in a public place and take an adult with me.

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 on-line gaming, social media, on-line gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (eg YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.

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 of anyone without their permission. I will not distribute images on any platform which may cause offence or deemed as illegal.
- I recognize 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 / USB devices etc) in school when and 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 never use chat and social networking sites at any time on the school site or try to add members of staff as friends on social networking sites.

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:

- If I see any content or communications that is unpleasant or upsetting, or I think is illegal or would be considered upsetting by another user, I will report this to a member of staff immediately.

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).

I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include (schools should amend this section to provide relevant sanctions as per their behaviour policies) loss of access to the school network / internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement Form

This form relates to the student / pupil Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), to which it is attached. Please complete the sections below to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school ICT systems.

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, PDAs, cameras etc
- I use my own equipment out of school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school eg communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, VLE, website etc.

Name of Student / Pupil

Group / Class

Signed Date

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Parents' Consent Form

I have read and understood the pupils acceptable use policy and give permission for my child to access the Internet at school, and will encourage them to abide by the policy. Children who deliberately break these rules will have appropriate sanctions applied, and parents will be informed. I understand that if these activities are of a serious nature the appropriate authorities may be informed.

Children will receive advice on e-safety at school, advice for parents is available on the school website, www.thinkuknow.org.uk/parents or by contacting the school. I understand that the school will take reasonable precautions to ensure pupils cannot access inappropriate materials. The school and or its internet provider may keep records of computer activity in school. These may be monitored to help protect the children.

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.

I understand that under the Education Act 1996 a school may search a mobile device and they may examine any data or files on the device if they think there is a good reason to do so. Following an examination, if the school has decided to return the device to the owner, or to retain or dispose of it, they may erase any data or files, if they think there is a good reason to do so.

I understand that as a parent or carer of a child at this school that school is working hard to provide a high quality education and a safe working environment for both its students, staff and governors. It is therefore unhelpful to the school if comments about the school life, policies or individual members of staff appear on social media sites. Any comment deemed to be abusive or harmful will be dealt with appropriately. I will ensure that any pictures taken during school events that include other children will not be shared using social media.

Name of Student / Pupil

Group / Class

Name of Parent / Carer

Signed

Date

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