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## ICT Acceptable Use Policy for Students (AUP)

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### 1 Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to define the acceptable use of ICT for students. This will enable students to use ICT safely, responsibly and legally. The school recognises that such guidance must be age-appropriate in order for students to understand the expectations; therefore, the student AUPs are written for age appropriate sections of the school.

This policy is not exhaustive and does not cover all possible violations; therefore, if students are in any doubt regarding the acceptable use of ICT they must raise this with a member of staff.

### 2 General Usage

When using ICT, students are responsible for their own actions and behaviour as per the expectations for general conduct within school. This also applies when accessing school ICT facilities externally. The school provides ICT facilities for students to support learning, therefore any activities contrary to this purpose are prohibited. Examples of unacceptable usage include:

- Engaging with illegal, fraudulent or malicious activity that may cause harm, violation or bring themselves and/or the School into disrepute
- Accessing or uploading material that is deemed inappropriate (such as discriminatory, threatening, pornographic, sexual, obscene or regionally insensitive material)



- Recording or distributing material without consent (such as recording video, photos, documents or files)
- Deliberate wastage or irresponsible consumption of resources (such as printing without teacher / adult authorisation)
- Attempting to install software or make system changes
- Attempting to retrieve/send restricted or privileged information by representation as another user or by exploiting a breach in security
- Attempting to cause disruption to ICT services through deliberate misuse
- When using ICT facilities students must operate equipment as intended and with respect. Any damage or malfunction should be reported immediately to the supervising teacher or adult
- Repairing or dismantling ICT equipment must never be attempted

### **3 Privacy and Access**

Students are responsible for all activity undertaken by their user account. Therefore, passwords for all school ICT systems must not be disclosed (unless instructed to do so by a teacher or IT Support member of staff). Students can change passwords at any time from a workstation or via a request to IT Support. If unauthorised access is suspected this must be reported immediately to a teacher or adult.

### **4 Liability and Rights**

Students accept that all ICT activity is monitored and recorded. This includes activities from personal devices when using school ICT facilities. The school reserves the right to view any content that is stored or accessed using the school's ICT facilities.

The school makes every effort to safeguard against the risks associated with using ICT. This includes:

- Internet filtering to minimise unsuitable content on the internet
- Antivirus software to minimise the infection/spread of viruses or malware
- Security and backup to protect and backup data held on the school network

By using the school's ICT facilities or by bringing in a personal device, it is accepted that the school is unable to assume liability for any damages or loss, however so caused. The school reserves the right to withdraw access to ICT systems at any time and without prior notice.

### **5 Acceptance and Consequence**

By using the school ICT facilities students agree to comply with the Student ICT Acceptable User Policy. Where a student breaches the AUP, the school may apply a sanction that is appropriate and proportionate to the severity of the breach. In the most serious case this could lead to expulsion. These actions will follow the procedures detailed in the school's Behaviour Policy.



## **6 Appendix A: Up to Year 2 AUP**

### **6.1 Introduction**

This Student ICT Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is shared directly with students to emphasise the key expectations (appropriate to their age range). Students are advised that if there is any doubt regarding if an ICT activity is deemed acceptable, they must first raise this with an appropriate member of staff.

### **6.2 ICT Safe and Sensible Code of Conduct**

As an ICT user:

1. I am responsible for my own behaviour and actions when using school ICT or my own device.
2. I am always polite and kind to others when using ICT.
3. I always use ICT equipment carefully and look after it properly.
4. I always ask my teacher if I am allowed to use ICT.
5. If there is a problem or if I need help, I will always tell a teacher.



## **7 Appendix B: Year 3 to Year 6 AUP**

### **7.1 Introduction**

This Student ICT Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is shared directly with students to emphasise the key expectations (appropriate to their age range). Students are advised that if there is any doubt regarding if an ICT activity is deemed acceptable, they must first raise this with an appropriate member of staff.

### **7.2 ICT Safe and Sensible Code of Conduct**

As an ICT user:

1. When using school ICT, or my own device, I am responsible for my own behaviour and actions (just like when I am in my classroom). There may be serious consequences if I break the ICT Safe and Sensible Code of Conduct.
2. My password is a secret and I must not let other people logon to my account. If I think someone knows my password I will inform a teacher.
3. I use ICT to help me learn and I must not let it distract my learning or that of others'.
4. I am always polite and respectful when using ICT to communicate to others, for example, using email, blogs or social networking sites.
5. I will not search for content (images/video/websites) that people may find upsetting or offensive.
6. I will always ask permission before I record videos or take photos of other people.
7. I will never put anyone's identity at risk (including my own) by posting photos, videos or personal information online.
8. I will use ICT equipment carefully and will look after it properly.
9. I will ask my teacher if I am allowed to use ICT, especially when using my own device.
10. If there is a problem or if I need help, I will always speak to an adult.



## 8 Appendix C: Secondary School AUP

### 8.1 Introduction

This Student ICT Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is shared directly with students to emphasise the key expectations (appropriate to their age range). Students are advised that if there is any doubt regarding if an ICT activity is deemed acceptable, they must first raise this with an appropriate member of staff.

### 8.2 ICT Acceptable Use

As a Secondary School student ICT User, I accept the following:

1. When using the school's ICT facilities (with a school-owned or personal device), I am responsible for my own actions and behaviour like I am for my general conduct within school. This also applies if I access school ICT facilities from outside the campus. (School email etc.)
2. I will use ICT safely, responsibly and legally for the purpose of learning. If I have any doubt concerning if an activity is acceptable I will ask a member of staff before this is undertaken. I understand that any of the activities below are not acceptable:
  - Engaging with illegal, fraudulent or malicious activity that may cause harm, violation or bring myself and/or the school into disrepute.
  - Accessing or uploading material that is deemed inappropriate (such as discriminatory, threatening, pornographic, sexual, obscene or regionally insensitive).
  - Recording and/or distributing material without consent (such as recording video, photos, documents or files). Particularly with regard to social media or web-based sharing sites.
  - Deliberate wastage or irresponsible use of resources (such as printing without teacher/adult authorisation).
  - Attempting to install software or make system changes.
  - Attempting to retrieve/send restricted or privileged information by representing myself as another user or by exploiting a breach in security.
  - Attempting to cause disruption to ICT services through deliberate misuse.
3. When using ICT facilities, I will operate equipment as intended and treat it with respect. Any damage or malfunction should be reported immediately to the supervising teacher or IT Support staff. I must never attempt to repair or dismantle the ICT equipment.



4. I am responsible for all activity undertaken on my user account. Therefore, I will not disclose my password for any school ICT system (unless instructed by a teacher or member of IT Support staff). If I suspect my password has been discovered I will change it immediately and inform a member of staff.
5. I accept that all ICT activity using school facilities is monitored and recorded. This includes activities from personal devices when using school ICT facilities.
6. By using the school's ICT facilities or by bringing in a personal device, I accept the School assumes no liability for any damages or loss, however so caused. It is my responsibility to ensure I backup important files and must take care when transferring/deleting my data.
7. If I breach any item from the Student ICT Acceptable User Policy, I understand the school may apply a sanction in accordance with the Behaviour Policy that is appropriate and proportionate to the severity of the breach. In the most serious case this could lead to expulsion.