

Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to make sure:

- That you will be a responsible user and stay safe while using the internet and other technology for learning and personal use
- That ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse

The school will try to ensure that you will have good access to ICT to enhance your learning and will, in return, expect you to agree to be a responsible user.

Please make sure you read and understand the following **I WILL** and **I WILL NOT** statements. If there's anything you're not sure of, ask your teacher.

I WILL:

- treat my username and password like my toothbrush – I will not share it, or try to use any other person's username and password
- immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it online
- respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or change any one else's files, without their knowledge and permission
- 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
- only use my personal /external devices (USB devices etc) in school if I have permission
- 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
- immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened
- only use chat, instant messaging or blog sites with permission and at the times that are allowed

I WILL NOT:

- try (unless I have permission) to make downloads or uploads from the Internet
- take or share images (pictures and videos) of anyone without their permission
- use the school ICT systems for online gaming, online gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (eg YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.
- try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others
- 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
- 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
- attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer
- try to alter computer settings
- Use social media of which I am below the recommended age to use (i.e. *Facebook* below 13 etc – see attached guidelines)