

# **Online Safety Policy**

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# 1. Policy Introduction and Aims

The internet and associated devices, such as computers, tablets, mobile phones and games consoles, are an important part of everyday life. However, these modern technologies have created a landscape of challenges and dangers that is still constantly changing. In order to ensure that the school provides a safe environment for learning, we adhere to the following principles:

- Online safety is an essential part of safeguarding, and the school has a duty to ensure that all pupils and staff are protected from potential harm online.
- Online safety education is an important preparation for life. Pupils should be empowered to build resilience and to develop strategies to prevent, manage and respond to risk online.

The purpose of the online safety policy is to:

- Safeguard and protect all members of the school's community online.
- Identify approaches to educate and raise awareness of online safety throughout the community.
- Enable staff to work safely and responsibly, to model positive behaviour online and to manage professional standards and practice when using technology.
- Identify clear procedures to use when responding to online safety concerns.

The issues classified within online safety are considerable, but can be broadly categorised into four areas of risk:

- **Content**: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material; for example, pornography, racist or radical and extremist views, and in some respects, fake news.
- **Contact**: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example, children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them.
- **Commercial exploitation:** for example, young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites.
- **Conduct**: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images, or online bullying.

# 2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all staff including teachers, support staff, external contractors, visitors, volunteers and other individuals who work for, or provide services on behalf of the School (collectively referred to as 'staff' in this policy) as well as pupils and parents/carers. It applies to access to school systems, the internet and the use of technology, using devices provided by the school or personal devices.

The policy also applies to online safety behaviour such as cyber-bullying, which may take place outside the School, but is linked to membership of the School. The School will deal with such behaviour within this policy and associated behaviour and discipline policies, and will, where known, inform parents/carers of incidents of inappropriate online behaviour that take place out of School.



# 3. Links with other policies and practices

This policy links with a number of other policies and procedures, including:

- Data Protection Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- · Acceptable Use Agreements for staff and pupils
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy

# 4. Roles and Responsibilities

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) include responsibility for online safety regard to online safety.

All members of the community have important roles and responsibilities to play with regard to online safety:

### 4.1 Governors

Governors are responsible for the approval of the online safety policy and for reviewing the effectiveness of the policy by reviewing e-safety incidents and monitoring reports. Online safety falls within the remit the governor responsible for safeguarding. Governors will:

- Make sure an online safety policy is in place and is available to all stakeholders.
- Make sure that the DSL has been trained to a higher level of knowledge which is relevant to the school, up to date and progressive.
- Make sure that procedures for the safe use of ICT and the internet are in place and adhered to.
- Hold the Headteachers and staff accountable for online safety.

#### 4.2 The Head

- Has overall responsibility for online safety provision.
- Ensures that online safety is viewed as a safeguarding issue and that practice is in line with national recommendations and requirements.
- Ensures that online safety is embedded within the whole school curriculum, which enables all pupils to develop an age-appropriate understanding of online safety.
- Supports the DSL by ensuring they have sufficient training, time, support and resources to fulfil their responsibilities.
- Ensures that all staff receive regular, up to date and appropriate online safety training; this is covered annually during INSET and bi-annually via HAYS online training.
- Is aware of what to do in the event of a serious online safety incident, and will ensure that there are robust reporting channels for online safety concerns, including internal, local and national support.
- Receives online safety reports during Academic and Resource Committee meetings.
- Ensures that online safety practice is audited and evaluated regularly in order to identify strengths and areas for improvement.



# 4.3 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

- Takes day to day responsibility for online safety.
- Promotes an awareness of and commitment to online safety throughout the school community.
- Acts as the named point of contact on all online safety issues, and liaises with other members of staff or other agencies, as appropriate.
- Keeps the online safety component of the curriculum under review, in order to ensure that it remains up to date and relevant to pupils.
- Facilitates training and advice for all staff, keeping colleagues informed of current research, legislation and trends regarding online safety and communicating this to the school community, as appropriate.
- Ensures that all staff are aware of the procedures that need to be followed in the event of an online safety incident.
- Is notified using Monitoring and filtering software of inappropriate pupil internet usage, acting where required.
- Maintains the online safety incident log and record of actions taken, and reviews the log periodically to identify gaps and trends.
- Reports regularly to the Head and SLT on the incident log, internet monitoring, current issues, developments in legislation etc.

### 4.4 Network manager/IT Team

- Apply appropriate technical and procedural controls to ensure that the school's IT
  infrastructure/system is secure and not open to misuse or malicious attack, while allowing
  learning opportunities to be maximised.
- Keep up to date with the school's online safety policy and technical information in order to carry out their online safety role effectively and to inform and update others as relevant.
- Provide technical support to the DSL and leadership team in the implementation of online safety procedures.
- Ensure that the school's filtering policy is applied and updated on a regular basis, and oversees the school's monitoring system.
- Report any filtering breaches or other online safety issues to the DSL, Head, and other bodies, as appropriate.
- Ensure that any safeguarding concerns are reported to the DSL, in accordance with the school's safeguarding procedures.

#### 4.5 All school staff

- Read, adhere to and help promote the online safety policy, acceptable use agreements and other relevant school policies and guidance.
- Model safe, responsible and professional behaviours in their own use of technology.
- Have an up to date awareness of a range of online safety issues and how they may be experienced by the children in their care.
- Identify online safety concerns and take appropriate action by reporting to the DSL via 'My Concern' software.
- Know when and how to escalate online safety issues.



### 4.6 Pupils (at a level that is appropriate to their individual age, ability and vulnerabilities)

- Engage in age appropriate online safety education opportunities.
- Read and adhere to the school Acceptable Use Agreements.
- Respect the feelings and rights of others both on and offline, in and out of school.
- Take responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe online.
- Report to a trusted adult if there is a concern online.

#### 4.6 Parents and carers

- Read the school Acceptable Use Agreements and encourage their children to adhere to them.
- Support the school in online safety approaches by discussing online safety issues with their children and reinforcing appropriate, safe online behaviours at home.
- Model safe and appropriate use of technology and social media, including seeking permission before taking and sharing digital images of pupils other than their own children.
- Identify changes in behaviour that could indicate that their child is at risk of harm online.
- Seek help and support from the school, or other appropriate agencies, if they or their child encounter risk or concerns online.
- Use school systems, such as learning platforms, and other network resources, safely and appropriately.
- Take responsibility for their own awareness in relation to the risks and opportunities posed by new and emerging technologies.

# 5. Education and Engagement

### 5.1 Education and engagement with pupils

The school curriculum includes age-appropriate lessons and activities on online safety for all pupils, intended to raise awareness, build resilience and promote safe and responsible internet use by:

- Ensuring education regarding safe and responsible use precedes internet access.
- Including online safety across the curriculum, including the Life Choices/Personal Social and Health Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Computing programmes of study, covering use both at school and home.
- Reinforcing online safety messages whenever technology or the internet is in use.
- Ensuring that the needs of pupils considered to be more vulnerable online, such as those with SEND or mental health needs, are met appropriately.
- Using support, such as peer education approaches and external visitors, to complement online safety education in the curriculum.
- Educating pupils in the effective use of the internet to research; including the skills of knowledge location, retrieval and evaluation.
- Teaching pupils to be critically aware of the materials they read and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.
- Teaching pupils to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright when using material accessed on the internet.



 Supporting pupils in building resilience to radicalisation by providing a safe environment for debating controversial issues and helping them to understand how they can influence and participate in decision making.

The School will support pupils to read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy in a way which suits their age and ability by:

- Discussing the AUP and its implications and reinforcing the principles.
- Informing pupils that network and internet use will be monitored for safety and security purposes and in accordance with legislation.
- Recognising positive use of technology by pupils

# 5.2 Training and engagement with staff

The school will:

- Provide and discuss the Online Safety Policy and staff Acceptable Use Policy with all members of staff as part of induction training.
- Provide up-to-date and appropriate online safety training for all staff on a regular basis, with at least annual updates.
- Make staff aware that school systems are monitored, and activity can be traced to individual
  users; staff will be reminded to behave professionally and in accordance with school's policies
  when accessing school systems and devices
- Make staff aware that their online conduct out of school, including personal use of social media, could have an impact on their professional role and reputation within school.
- Highlight useful educational resources and tools which staff should use, according to the age
  and ability of the pupils Ensure all members of staff are aware of the procedures to follow
  regarding online safety concerns affecting pupils, colleagues or other members of the school
  community.

# 5.3 Awareness and engagement with parents and carers

Parents and carers have an essential role to play in enabling children to become safe and responsible users of the internet and associated technologies. The school will build a partnership approach to online safety with parents and carers by:

- Providing information and guidance on online safety in a variety of formats. This will include
  offering specific online safety awareness training and highlighting online safety at other events
  such as parent evenings and in the school newsletter.
- Drawing parents' attention to the school online safety policy and expectations in newsletters and on the website.
- Requiring parents to read the pupil Acceptable Use Policy and discuss its implications with their children.

# 6. Reducing Online Risks

The internet is a constantly changing environment with new apps, devices, websites and material emerging at a rapid pace.

The school will:

- Regularly review the methods used to identify, assess and minimise online risks.
- Examine emerging technologies for educational benefit and undertake appropriate risk assessments before use in school is permitted.



- Ensure that appropriate filtering and monitoring is in place and take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users can only access appropriate material.
- Ensure, through online safety education and the school AUPs, that pupils know that the school's expectations regarding safe and appropriate behaviour online apply whether the school's networks are used or not.

# 7. Safer Use of Technology

#### 7.1 Classroom Use

- The school uses a wide range of technology. This includes access to:
  - Computers, laptops and other digital devices
  - Internet which may include search engines and educational websites
  - Learning platforms Cloud services and storage
  - Email and messaging
  - Digital cameras, web cams and video cameras
- Supervision of pupils will be appropriate to their age and ability.
- All school-owned devices should be used in accordance with the school's AUPS and with appropriate safety and security measures in place.
- Members of staff should always check websites, tools and apps for suitability before use in the classroom or recommending for use at home.
- Staff and pupils should consider copyright law before using internet-derived materials (and where appropriate comply with licence terms and/or acknowledge the source of information).

# 7.2 Filtering and Monitoring

- All sites within Coventry School Foundation (CSF) are centrally provided with their data
  connections via a dedicated network. All incoming data are screened by an application that
  provides real-time filtering and protects both networks and users from internet threats. It
  prevents a wide range of unwelcome material and malware from being available in schools
  while at the same time allowing access to material of educational value. The policy determining
  filtering is managed centrally, with different levels being applied depending on age group.
- The system logs all internet access, and these logs can be accessed by the DSL for monitoring purposes. Flagged terms will also trigger alerts which the DSL may investigate. Concerns identified will be managed according to the nature of the issue.
- Email traffic between pupils and staff is not scanned as a matter of course, but if concerns are raised, then a record of messages may be retrieved All members of staff are however aware that they cannot rely on filtering and monitoring alone to safeguard pupils: effective classroom management and regular education about safe and responsible use is essential.
- All users are informed that use of school systems is monitored and that all monitoring is in line with data protection, human rights and privacy legislation.

The school has a clear procedure for reporting filtering breaches:

- If pupils discover unsuitable sites, they will be required to alert a member of staff immediately.
- The member of staff will report the concern (including the URL of the site if possible) to the DSL.
- The breach will be recorded and escalated as appropriate.
- Any material that the school believes is illegal will be reported immediately to the appropriate agencies, such as Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), the Police or Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP).



### 7.3 Managing Personal Data Online

Personal data will be collected, processed, stored and transferred in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations and the CSF Privacy Notice. Full information can be found in the school's Data Protection Policy.

# 8. Social Media

### 8.1 Expectations

- The term social media includes (but is not limited to): blogs; wikis; social networking sites; forums; bulletin boards; online gaming; apps; video/photo sharing sites; chatrooms and messaging services.
- All members of the school community are expected to engage in social media in a positive, safe and responsible manner, at all times.

#### 8.2 Staff Use of Social Media

- The safe and responsible use of social networking, social media and personal publishing sites is discussed with all members of staff as part of staff induction and is revisited and communicated via regular staff training opportunities.
- Safe and professional behaviour is outlined for all members of staff as part of the staff Code of Conduct, staff Acceptable Use Policy and Social Media Policy.

### 8.3 Pupils' Personal Use of Social Media

- Safe and appropriate use of social media will be taught to pupils as part of online safety education, via age appropriate sites and resources.
- The school is aware that many popular social media sites state that they are not for children under the age of 13. The school will not create accounts specifically for children under this age.
- The school will control pupil access to social media while using school-provided devices and systems on site.
- Inappropriate or excessive use of social media during school hours or while using school devices may result in disciplinary or legal action and/or removal of internet facilities. Any concerns regarding pupils' use of social media, both at home and at school, will be dealt with in accordance with existing school policies. Concerns will also be raised with parents/carers as appropriate, particularly when concerning underage use of social media sites or tools.

# 9. Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones

The school recognises that personal communication through mobile technologies is an accepted part of everyday life for pupils, staff and parents/carers, but technologies need to be used safely and appropriately within school.

#### 9.1 Expectations

 All use of personal devices and mobile phones will take place in accordance with the law and other appropriate school policies, including, but not limited to: Anti-Bullying, Behaviour and Discipline, and Safeguarding and Child Protection.



- Electronic devices of any kind that are brought onto site are the responsibility of the user at all times. The school accepts no responsibilities for the loss, theft, damage or breach of security of such items on school premises.
- Mobile phones and personal devices are not permitted to be used by pupils on the school site.
- The sending of abusive or inappropriate messages/content via mobile phones or personal devices is forbidden by any member of the community; any breaches will be dealt according to the behaviour policy.
- All members of the community are advised to ensure that their mobile phones and personal devices do not contain any content which may be considered to be offensive, derogatory or would otherwise contravene the school Behaviour or Safeguarding and Child Protection policies.

#### 9.2 Staff Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones

- Members of staff will ensure that the use of personal phones and devices takes place in accordance with the law, as well as relevant school policy and procedures, such as: Confidentiality, Safeguarding and Child Protection, Staff Code of Conduct, Data Security and Acceptable Use Agreements.
- Images of pupils (other than a member of staff's own children) must not be stored on personal devices, please refer to staff code of conduct policy for further guidance.

# 9.3 Pupils' Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones

- Pupils will be educated regarding the safe and appropriate use of personal devices and mobile phones and will be made aware of boundaries and consequences.
- Pupil's personal devices and mobile phones should not be brought to school. In the case of older children, where parents feel a mobile phone is necessary to support independent travel to/from school, pupils must ensure their device is switched off and handed into the school office on their arrival to school. They should collect their device at the end of the day. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, damage or breach of security of such items on school premises as set out in 9.1 above.
- If a pupil needs to contact his/her parents or carers, school office staff will make contact on their hehalf
- Parents should contact their child via the school office during school hours.
- If a pupil breaches the school policy, the phone or device will be confiscated and will be held in a secure place.
- Searches for and of mobile phone or personal devices will only be carried out in accordance with the relevant government guidance.
- Schools are not required to inform parents before a search takes place or to seek consent for a search for a prohibited item, or item which a member of staff reasonably suspects has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury or damage to the property of any person.
- Where the person conducting the search finds an electronic device that is prohibited by the
  school rules or that they reasonably suspect has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an
  offence or cause personal injury or damage to property, they may examine any data or files on
  the device where there is a good reason to do so. They may also delete data or files if they think
  there is a good reason to do so, unless they are going to give the device to the police.
- If there is a suspicion that material on a pupil's personal device or mobile phone may be illegal or may provide evidence relating to a criminal offence, the device will be handed over to the police for further investigation.



• The confiscation and searching of a phone or other digital device will normally be carried out in consultation with a senior member of staff.

# 9.4 Visitors' Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones

- Parents, carers and visitors (including volunteers and contractors) must use their mobile phones
  and personal devices in accordance with the school's Acceptable Use Policy and other associated
  policies, such as Anti Bullying and Safeguarding and Child Protection policies.
- Members of staff are expected to challenge visitors if they have concerns and will always inform the DSL of any breaches of school policy.

# 10. Responding to Online Safety Incidents and Concerns

All members of the school community will be made aware of the reporting procedure for online safety concerns, including: breaches of filtering, youth produced sexual imagery (sexting), cyberbullying and illegal content.

- All members of the community must respect confidentiality and the need to follow the official school procedures for reporting concerns Incidents will be managed depending on their nature and severity, according to the relevant school policies.
- After any investigations are completed, the school will debrief, identify lessons learnt and implement any changes in policy or practice as required.
- Where there is suspicion that illegal activity has taken place, the school will contact the Police using 101, or 999 if there is immediate danger or risk of harm. If an incident or concern needs to be passed beyond the school community (for example if other local schools are involved or the public may be at risk), the school will speak with the Police and/or the Local Authority first, to ensure that potential investigations are not compromised.

### 10.1 Concerns about Pupils' Welfare

- The DSL will be informed immediately of any online safety incident that could be considered a safeguarding or child protection concern.
- The DSL will ensure that online safeguarding concerns are escalated and reported to relevant agencies.
- The School will inform parents and carers of any incidents or concerns involving their child, as and when required.

#### 10.2 Misuse

- Complaints about IT misuse by pupils will be dealt with by a senior member of staff under the relevant policies and procedures and according to the nature of the complaint.
- Any complaint about staff misuse will be referred to the Head.
- Pupils and parents are informed of the school's complaints procedure.

# 11. Monitoring and Review

The school will monitor internet use and evaluate online safety mechanisms to ensure that this policy is consistently applied in practice.



The policy framework will be reviewed by the school at least annually, and in response to any new national guidance or legislation, significant developments in the use of technology, emerging threats or incidents that have taken place.

# 12. Useful links and sources of advice

#### 12.1 Guidance and resources

- Teaching Online Safety in School (DfE)
- Education for a Connected World (UKCIS)
- Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people (UKCIS)
- Indecent images of children: guidance for young people
- Cyberbullying: understand, prevent and respond (Childnet)
- Cyberbullying: advice for headteachers and school staff (DfE)

# 12.2 National Organisations

- Action Fraud: www.actionfraud.police.uk
- CEOP: <u>www.thinkuknow.co.uk</u> www.ceop.police.uk
- Childnet: www.childnet.com
- Get Safe Online: <u>www.getsafeonline.org</u>
- Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org
- Internet Watch Foundation (IWF): www.iwf.org.uk
- Lucy Faithfull Foundation: www.lucyfaithfull.org
- NSPCC: <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</u>
- ChildLine: www.childline.org.uk
- Net Aware: www.net-aware.org.uk
- The Marie Collins Foundation: www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk
- UK Safer Internet Centre: www.saferinternet.org.uk
- Professional Online Safety Helpline: <a href="https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline">www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline</a>

Telephone helpline: 0344 381 4772



# Appendix 1: Acceptable Use of ICT Policy (Remote Learning)

# ACCEPTABLE USE OF ICT – REMOTE LEARNING POLICY (AUP)

**Core Values:** 

Safety Responsibility Respect Honesty Integrity

#### 1. Principles

- We aim to provide an excellent education to all our students.
- Interacting with each other online is no different than interacting face-to-face: we are required to maintain the principles of respect, dignity, prudence, concern for and protection of others, and safety in all interactions.

#### 2. General Conduct

- Students must conduct themselves in the same way they would in school.
- Language, both spoken and written, should remain appropriate and suitably academic.
- We continue to expect the highest standards of politeness and integrity from our students.
- We expect students to access their full curriculum as much as they are reasonably able to.
- We expect students to meet all deadlines set by staff for the submission of work unless affected by illness or other extenuating factors.
- Students must respect the privacy of others and so must not share photos, videos, contact details, or other information about members of the school community, even if the content is not shared publicly, without going through official channels and obtaining permission.

#### 3. Conduct in 'Live' Lessons (Meetings)

- Meetings will only occur with a minimum of three people present, including at least one teacher;
   unless specific consent has been authorised in exceptional circumstances by a Senior Leader.
- Students may join any Meeting occurring in their normal class Team.
- Students must leave a Meeting when instructed to do so.
- Staff will advise students of when Meetings will occur in advance, where possible this will be in a normal lesson slot.
- Students should only enable microphones with teacher permission.
- Students should be mindful of the appropriateness of possible background sound when using their microphone.
- Meeting text chats should only be used for learning conversations as directed by the teacher; these chats are logged within Teams.

#### 4. Student Camera Use on Microsoft Teams



Students must remember that they have agreed to follow our Acceptable Use Policy and should conduct themselves with the same standards of behaviour we expect in school.

We expect them to adhere to the following guidelines for use of their camera:

- Choose an appropriate location, not a bedroom, if possible.
- Choose a location where other people will not appear on camera without realising.
- Blur the background or add a false background using the video settings within Teams.
- If this is not possible, choose a location with a plain background.
- Be appropriately dressed at all times.
- Only turn on the camera if the teacher asks students to do so and only ever after the live lesson has started. Students will never be required to use their camera and should only do so when they feel comfortable.
- Be prepared to turn the camera off immediately if requested to do so.
- Do not use the camera as a way of communicating with others during lessons.
- The right to use a camera is a privilege we will grant in order to aid pupils' education and can be withdrawn at any time. Any misuse of a camera will be considered a serious breach of rules and will be sanctioned accordingly.

#### 5. Use of Shared Resources

We expect that all resources shared by members of staff are only used as directed and on the platforms provided by CSF. In particular, if resources are shared, including audio and video, students must not:

- take screenshots;
- share content outside of the Team;
- record any part of a lesson or video;
- post any content on to another site/platform; or
- share any of the resources outside of the school.

#### 6. Sanctions

Teachers will report unacceptable behaviour to Heads of Year and Senior Staff.

In the event of unacceptable conduct, we will adopt a 'stepped approach' to sanctioning behaviour. This may include:

- removing students from live Meetings;
- limiting student contribution rights in Teams;
- removing student access to live Meetings; or
- removing student access to any/all shared resources.

#### **END**



#### ACCEPTABLE USE OF ICT POLICY AGREEMENT

### **Personal Safety**

Please read these statements and confirm by ticking the box below:

- I will keep my username and password safe and secure and not share it with anyone else.
- I will not log on as anyone else; I will not use any other person's username or password.
- I will not share personal information about myself or others when online (this could include my name, address, age, gender, school, my friends' names or information about my family, etc.).
- I will immediately tell any adult if anything online makes me feel sad or uncomfortable.
- I understand that school will monitor my use of school computers and will share with my teacher or parents anything they are worried about.

#### NB

- I will not change any device settings.
- I will not arrange to meet people offline that I have only met online.

#### **Responsible Use**

Please read these statements and confirm by ticking the box below:

- I will not eat or drink in computer areas as spillage can cause serious damage to hardware.
- I understand that school computers and accounts are just for school work.
- I will not download or upload files without checking with my teacher.
- I will delete files from my area that I no longer require.
- I will not share files that are inappropriate or will cause upset to others.
- I will not use any programmes or software I have not been told to use.
- I will not use school computers or accounts for social networking, online gaming, online gambling, internet shopping, file sharing or video broadcasting (e.g. YouTube).
- I will not bring or use my own personal devices (mobile phones/USB devices, etc.) in school without permission. I understand that, if I am allowed to use my own devices in the school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment.
- I will not click on any links or go on any websites without permission from my teacher.
- I will not install or attempt to install or store programmes of any type on any school device.
- I will alter any computer settings.
- 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 permission.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software; however these may have happened.

#### **Respectful Communication**

Please read these statements and confirm by ticking the box below:

- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others.
- I will use kind language when communicating online.
- I will not use inappropriate language when naming files or choosing passwords.
- I will not take or distribute images of anyone without their permission.
- I will not share or store personal and private information on school devices.



NB. We expect that you will uphold this standard of behaviour when you communicate with members of our community outside of school and act with respect, courtesy and integrity at all times.

### **Digital Honesty**

Please read these statements and confirm by ticking the box below:

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.
- I will not try to download copies of other people's work (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.
- I understand that not everything I read online is true, and that the work of others may not be honest and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

#### **Parent and Student Confirmation**

#### Sanctions

I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement (AUP) I will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the schools 'stepped approach to discipline' as set out in the School Code of Conduct and Behaviour Policy. This may include detentions, suspensions, fixed term or permanent exclusion, contact with parents and, in the event of illegal activities, involvement of the police and/or the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Signed by:	Endorsed by:
Pupil name:	Parent name:
Date:	
END	

