

Parent/Carer Acceptable User Policy for Pupils' use of Technology and the Internet

The academy uses technology, including the internet, to support the curriculum wherever this is appropriate. Pupils are taught computing and about effective and responsible use of technology and the internet. Pupils are given guidelines and taught how to be careful and considerate in their use of technology and the internet and how to maintain a balance between this and other activities.

The academy may use approved blogs, emails, picture galleries and other tools to help with educating your child. Children and staff will always use responsible and caring language online.

Pupils will:

- only use technology including computers and mobile devices when they have been told that they can.
- only use the academy technology for those activities which they have been given permission.
- be told about online bullying and what to do if it happens.
- use only the user names and passwords for which they have permission.
- not download and use material or copy and paste content which they do not have consent to use.
- not attempt to search for, view, upload or download any inappropriate or unsuitable material.
- inform a member of staff if they have accidentally found inappropriate or unsuitable content.
- use responsible and caring language in communicating with others.
- be helped to maintain a balance between the use of technology and other activities.
- be helped to discuss their use of the internet especially sites where there is communication with others (e.g. social networks).
- only use mobile devices when directed by staff
- be encouraged to talk with their parents or carers about the rules for the safe use of the internet.
- be made aware that the academy may investigate incidents that happen outside of academy but could affect life in academy.

Misuse of technology may result in:

- a ban, temporary or permanent, on the use of the internet / technology resources at the academy
- action in line with the academy's behaviour policy
- parents/carers being informed about an incident and actions taken

Parents and carers work in partnership with the academy when they:

- discuss online safety issues with their children and work to build responsible use of technology
- work with the academy in promoting positive use of technology and the internet
- inform the academy if they think there is an online safety issue related to the academy
- raise concerns about the academy through the appropriate channels

Please contact the Academy Office if you have questions about any part of this document.