

# COGNITA



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

## Digital Safety Policy

Including E-Safety, Digital Safety Agreement and  
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Guidance

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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Digital Safety Policy sets out the roles, responsibilities and procedures for the acceptable, safe, and responsible use of all digital and communication technologies, including the use of school based devices, the internet, email, instant messaging and other social networking technologies and mobile phones and games, to safeguard adults and Students. It details how the school will provide support and guidance to parents and the wider community (where appropriate) for the safe and responsible use of these technologies. It also explains procedures for any unacceptable use or misuse of these technologies by adults or students.
- 1.2 The use of the internet as a tool to develop teaching, learning and administration has become an integral part of school and home life. There are always going to be risks with using any form of communication which lies within the public domain. Therefore, it is imperative that there are clear rules, procedures and guidelines to minimise those risks whilst students use these technologies. These risks include:
- being vulnerable to inappropriate contact from strangers
  - cyber-bullying
  - illegal activities of downloading or copying any copyright materials and file-sharing via the internet or mobile devices
  - issues with spam and other inappropriate email
  - online content which is abusive, offensive, or pornographic
  - the use of social media to encourage extremism; and
  - malware.
- 1.3 It is also important that staff are clear about the procedures, for example only contacting students about homework via a school email address or the school's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), such as Firefly, not via personal emails.
- 1.4 Whilst we endeavour to safeguard and mitigate against all risks, we will never be able to completely eliminate them all. Any incidents that may come to our notice will be dealt with quickly and according to the school's policies to ensure the school continues to protect students.
- 1.5 It is the duty of the school to ensure that students, teachers, administrative staff and visitors are protected from potential harm whilst they are on school premises.
- 1.6 The involvement of students and parents is also vital to the successful use of digital technologies. This policy thus also aims to inform how parents and students are part of the procedures and how students are educated to be safe and responsible users so that they can make good judgments about information they see, find and use.

### 2 Aims of this Policy

- to ensure the safeguarding of all students within the school by detailing appropriate and acceptable use of all online and digital technologies
- to outline the roles and responsibilities of all students, staff and parents
- to ensure all students, staff and parents are clear about procedures for misuse of any online technologies
- to develop links with parents and the wider community to ensure continued awareness of online technologies

### 3 Students

- 3.1 Our students:
- are involved in the review of our Digital Safety Agreement through discussion in lessons and other forums, in an age appropriate way

- are responsible for following the Digital Safety Agreement whilst within school as agreed each academic year or whenever a new student starts at the school for the first time, and are required to sign that they have read and understood the rules
- are taught to use the internet in a safe and responsible manner through, for example, ICT and PSHEE lessons
- in the Sixth Form use the internet in a safe and responsible manner will be taught as part of their Life Skills lessons and through external speakers
- are taught to immediately tell an adult about any inappropriate materials or contact from someone they do not know
- are made aware of the potential use of online digital technologies to expose young people to inappropriate contact from strangers and to extremist ideas and know what to do if they encounter such issues
- are taught and encouraged to consider the implications for misusing the internet and, for example, posting inappropriate materials to websites
- are taught that the downloading of materials, for example music files and photographs, needs to be appropriate and 'fit for purpose', based on research for schoolwork, and be copyright free
- are taught to understand what is meant by e-safety through age appropriate delivery
- that sending malicious or hurtful messages outside of the school can become a matter whereby the school may set sanctions or involve outside agencies
- are taught not to put themselves at risk online or through mobile phone use and taught what to do if they are concerned, they have put themselves at risk
- are given explicit guidelines and procedures for using mobile phones and other personal devices in school and are expected to abide by this policy; and
- must connect to the internet whilst on premises owned or rented by Cognita using the student wireless network, and must not circumvent internet access by using a personal device's cellular data services
- must not aim to circumvent blocks to websites through the use of VPN's or other means.

#### **4 Inappropriate Use by Students**

4.1 Should a student be found to deliberately misuse digital or online facilities whilst at school, appropriate sanctions will be applied. If a student accidentally accesses inappropriate materials, the student is expected to report this to an appropriate member of staff immediately and take action to minimise the screen or close the window. Deliberate abuse or damage of school equipment will result in parents being billed for the replacement costs of the equipment. Should a student use the internet whilst not on the school premises in such a way as to cause hurt or harm to a member of the school community, the school will act quickly and in accordance with our Behaviour Policy.

4.2 Refer to Annex 1 for further guidance.

#### **5 Staff**

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of all adults within the school to:
- adhere to the Staff Code of Conduct including Acceptable Use Policy
  - implement the student Digital Safety Agreement (see Annex 2, 3 and 4)
  - be up to date with digital knowledge appropriate for different age groups
  - be vigilant when using technology as part of lessons
  - model safe and responsible use of technology
  - provide reminders and guidance to Students on Digital Safety
  - ensure that Students are protected and supported in their use of online technologies, and that they know how to use them in a safe and responsible manner
  - not leave a computer or other device unattended whilst they are logged on
  - lock away or safely secure all portable ICT equipment when not in use

- not connect with any student under the age of nineteen on any social networking site, or via personal mobile phones and follow the school's Social Guidelines. See the Social Media Policy for further detail
- protect confidentiality and not disclose information from the network, or pass on security passwords
  - make sure that any information subject to data protection legislation, namely, the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time), is not stored on unencrypted portable media or transported in an unsecure form
  - use their discretion when communicating electronically about work-related issues and not bring the school's reputation into disrepute
  - follow the school's 'dos' and 'don'ts' in our Email Best Practice Guide – see Annex 7
  - not make or take personal calls or engage in personal texting when they are on duty
  - report any concerns about a student related to safeguarding and e-safety to the Designated Safeguarding Lead
  - report accidental access to inappropriate materials to the Designated Safeguarding Lead so that inappropriate sites are added to the restricted list; and
  - only use school owned devices and memory cards to take photographs or videos.

### **6 Inappropriate Use by Staff**

- 6.1 If a member of staff is believed to have misused the internet or network in an abusive or illegal manner from school, a report must be made to the Head, along with the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately. Safeguarding procedures must be followed to deal with any serious misuse, a report filed, and all appropriate authorities contacted as necessary.
- 6.2 Refer to Annex 1 for further guidance.

### **7 Parents and Visitors**

- 7.1 All parents have access to a copy of this Digital Safety Policy on our website. Parents are asked to explain and discuss the rules with their child, where appropriate, so that they are clearly understood and accepted.
- 7.2 As part of the approach to developing e-safety awareness with students, the school may offer parents the opportunity to find out more about how they can support the school to keep their child safe whilst using online technologies beyond school; this may be by offering parent education sessions or by providing advice and links to useful websites. The school wishes to promote a positive attitude to using the internet and therefore asks parents to support their child's learning and understanding of how to use online technologies safely and responsibly.
- 7.3 Parents should be aware that the school cannot take responsibility for a student's misuse or abuse of IT equipment when they are not on the school premises. This includes social networking with other students, and the possibility of Students accessing inappropriate content; however, should parents or guardians become aware of an issue, we strongly encourage prompt communication with the school so we can offer advice and support. The school has a duty to report serious concerns to local authority safeguarding teams or to the police, in line with statutory requirements.

### **8 Wi-Fi Access**

- 8.1 Parents and visitors to the school are expected to abide by this policy. Should visitors wish to access the internet via the school's Wi-Fi, they will be issued with a password. Access is only permitted once they have agreed to the school's terms and conditions.

### **9 Video and Photography at School Events**

- 9.1 Parents are asked to be considerate when taking videos or photographs at school events and are requested not to publish material of other children in any public forum without the permission of the relevant family. It is illegal to sell or distribute recordings from events without permission. Any parent who does not wish for their child to be videoed or photographed at school events by other attendees must notify the school in advance and in writing.

### **10 Early Years Use of Mobile Phones or Device - Statutory Regulation**

- 10.1 The Early Years Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements (para 3.4) requires all schools to have a clear policy on the use of mobile phones and devices.
- 10.2 The Cognita Code of Conduct for Staff states, 'Cognita does not permit the use of personal mobile phones and cameras by staff where children are present'.

### **11 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

- 11.1 Clear procedures are in place for managing BYOD, including the requirement for signed agreements from parents and Students. See Annex 5 and 6 for further details.

### **12 The School's Responsibilities**

- 12.1 The school takes its responsibilities in relation to the acceptable use of technology by students and adults seriously and understands the importance of monitoring, evaluating and reviewing its procedures regularly.

### **13 Filtering and Safeguarding Measures**

- 13.1 The school's internet has a robust filtering system which is set at an age appropriate level such that inappropriate content is filtered. The system logs all attempts to access the internet, including all attempts to access inappropriate content.
- 13.2 Anti-virus, anti-spyware, junk mail and SPAM filtering is used on the school's network, stand-alone PCs, laptops and tablets, and is updated on a regular basis. Security measures are in place to ensure information about our Students cannot be accessed by unauthorised users. Strong encryption is used on the wireless network to provide good security.

### **14 Email Use**

- 14.1 The school provides school email addresses for students (Year 3 -Year 11) to promote safe and efficient communication in the school. Student email accounts are provided by the IT Technician.
- 14.2 All staff are expected to use email professionally and responsibly. See Annex 7 for further details.

### **15 The School's Use of Images and Videos**

- 15.1 The school abides by data protection legislation, namely, the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time), and understands that an image or video is considered personal data. It seeks written consent from parents to publish images or videos for external publicity purposes, such as the website, and for internal purposes, such as a yearbook or on a parent portal. Parents and guardians may withdraw their permission at any time by informing the administration team in writing at Quinton House School.
- 15.2 Staff are not permitted to use their own devices or memory cards to record videos or photographs of students, and when storing images within the school's network are requested to only use the student's first name.

### 16 The Curriculum and Tools for Learning

16.1 The school teaches our students how to use the internet safely and responsibly, for researching information, exploring concepts, deepening knowledge and understanding, and communicating effectively in order to further learning, through ICT and/or PSHEE lessons. The following concepts, skills and competencies are taught through the school in an age appropriate manner:

- digital citizenship
- future work skills
- internet literacy
- making good judgments about websites and emails received
- knowledge of risks associated with malware, social engineering and other forms of active attacks on personal devices and networks
- access to resources that outline how to be safe and responsible when using any online technologies
- knowledge of copyright and plagiarism issues including creative commons licensing;
- file-sharing and downloading illegal content
- uploading information – knowing what is safe to upload, and not to upload personal information; and
- where to go for advice and how to report abuse.

16.2 These skills are taught explicitly within the ICT curriculum but are likely to be covered in other subjects. Students are taught skills to explore how online technologies can be used effectively, in a safe and responsible manner. Further details about the content of the curriculum related to ICT can be found in the ICT and PSHEE curriculum documentation.

### 17 Monitoring

17.1 It is the responsibility of the school to ensure appropriate systems and technologies are in place to monitor and maintain the safeguarding and security of everyone using the school network. The school will monitor the use of online technologies and the use of the internet by Students and staff. The Designated Safeguarding Leader, ICT teachers and lead pastoral staff will conduct regular audits with students to assess their knowledge and understanding of issues related to e-safety and act on any areas of vulnerability.

17.2 To audit digital safety and the effectiveness of this policy, the following questions should be considered:

- Has recording of e-safety incidents been effective – are records kept?
- Did the school feel able to respond effectively to any incidents?
- Were incidents resolved to the best of the school's ability?
- Do all Students demonstrate an awareness of e-safety appropriate to their age?
- Have complaints or concerns with the policy been recorded and addressed?
- Have there been significant developments in technology that should be addressed either within the curriculum or as part of staff awareness training?
- Is the policy clear to all staff and seen as appropriate and working?
- Is the current wording fit for purpose and reflective of technology use in the school?
- Do all members of the school community know how to report a problem?
- Is e-safety observed in teaching and present in curriculum planning documents?

### 18 Social Media

18.1 For advice relating to the use of social media, please refer to the Social Media Policy.

### 19 School issued one to one devices

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The school will issue a device to students in years 5 to 13 for use with school relating activities and work. The devices will remain the property of the school.

### Staff responsibilities

- Tutors should check in the morning that students have charged their devices and that there are no issues relating to the software or any damage. Any issues should be reported to the service team immediately.
- Staff should make it clear before a task which software they expect the students to be using. Clear expectations for the use of devices should be outlined at the start of the lesson. There is no expectation that the devices must be used, however their use where appropriate should be encouraged.
- Staff should monitor the use of the devices through the lesson, when staff require students to stop working on devices for a period of time students should turn the device so the screen faces the member of staff.
- Staff should report any inappropriate use of a device to the Head of Year, in addition if required the Director of Digital Learning and Head of Pastoral.
- Devices should be used to enhance the lesson and not replace it. Devices can be used to provide a platform for the equivalent of a digital exercise book through MS OneNote. If used in this way the marking policy applies in the same manner, the Head of Department and Director of Studies should also be added as staff users to the Notebook.
- A record of any work undertaken should be stored in an appropriate location. For students this is their school OneDrive which they should be encouraged to structure appropriately with folders for each subject, then subfolders for each topic.
- Students should be given an appropriate amount of time to save their work during the lesson, you should also dictate the file name you wish for them to use in order to make finding the work easier. This should follow a similar format as follows [Topic\_Date\_WALT] so it can easily be retrieved.
- Students should be given time to shut down their devices at the end of each lesson in order to maximise the battery life of the device through the day. In the Preparatory School devices should be shut down when not being used to again maintain battery life and avoid any issues of inappropriate use.

### Use of Schools issued devices:

Students are expected to follow the digital safety policy in addition to the expectations in annex 8. This should be signed by each student before the device is issued, a copy of which is kept by the form tutor.

Devices are issued in order to enhance the understanding of students. Staff will direct students to use them where appropriate.

### **Annex 1: Procedures for staff in the event of a breach of this policy by a student or adult**

- (A) An inappropriate website is accessed inadvertently:
- report to the Pastoral Leader and Head of IT & Computing and
  - contact ICT Support via email so that it can be added to the banned or restricted list.
- (B) An inappropriate website is accessed deliberately:
- ensure that no one else can access the material, by shutting down the computer
  - record the incident in writing

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- report to the Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately; and
  - the Principal applies the Behaviour Policy.
- (C) An adult receives inappropriate material:
- do not forward this material to anyone else – doing so could be an illegal activity
  - alert the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately; and
  - ensure the device is shut down and record the nature of the material.
- (D) An adult has used ICT equipment inappropriately:
- follow the procedures for (B).
- (E) An adult has communicated with a student, or used ICT equipment, inappropriately:
- ensure the student is reassured
  - report to the Principal who should follow the Staff Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy (if relevant)
  - preserve the information received by the student if possible, and determine whether the information received is abusive, threatening or innocent; and
  - if illegal or inappropriate use is established, contact the Principal (or the DE (Cognita Director of Education), if the allegation is made against the Principal) and the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately, and follow the Safeguarding Policy.
- (F) Threatening or malicious comments are posted to the school website or distributed via the school email system (or printed out) about an adult in school:
- preserve any evidence; and
  - inform the Principal immediately and follow the Safeguarding Policy as necessary.
- (G) Where images of staff or adults are posted on inappropriate websites, or have inappropriate information about them posted anywhere:
- the Principal should be informed.

### Annex 2 – Digital Safety Agreement for Students in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2

#### Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2: Digital Safety Agreement

These are our rules for using the internet safely at school:

- We use the internet safely to help us learn.
- We learn how to use the internet.
- If we see anything on the internet or receive a message that is unpleasant, we must tell an adult.
- We learn to keep our password a secret.
- We know who and when to ask for help.
- If we see something on a computer that we do not like or makes us feel uncomfortable we know what to do.
- We know that it is important to follow the rules.
- We aim to look after each other by using the internet safely.

### Annex 3 – Digital Safety Agreement for Students in Years 3 – 6

#### Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: Digital Safety Agreement

These are our rules for using the internet safely and responsibly at school:

- We use the internet to help us learn, and we will learn how to use the internet safely and responsibly.
- We send emails and messages that are polite.
- Approval from an adult may be needed before we email, chat to, or video-conference anyone at school.
- We never give out passwords or personal information (like our last name, address or phone number).
- We never post photographs or video clips without a teacher's permission and never include names with photographs.
- If we need help we know who and when to ask.
- If we see anything on the internet or in an email or other electronic message that makes us uncomfortable or appears unpleasant, we inform an adult.
- I accept that the school monitors my use of the internet at school and my school email account.
- If we receive a message sent by someone we do not know, we inform an adult.
- We aim to look after each other by using our safe internet in a responsible way.
- We agree not to send hurtful words, images or messages outside of school on the internet or mobile devices about anyone in our school community.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year group: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the Digital Safety Agreement for using the internet, email and online tools safely and responsibly. I am aware that the adults working with me at school will help me to check that I am using the computers appropriately.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annex 4 – Digital Safety Agreement for Students in Years 7 – 13

#### Year 7 – 13: Digital Safety Agreement

I am encouraged to use and be aware of the safety rules and procedures which regulate my use of the ICT resources, including the internet. Access to the school's network and the internet enables me to find resources, to communicate, and to help my research for the completion of school work.

I accept that these facilities are to be used for educational purposes only and in an appropriate manner. I take responsibility for my actions and know that any breach of the rules will be considered a serious disciplinary matter.

- I will make targeted use of the internet to support my studies.
- I accept that the school monitors my use of the internet at school and my school email account.
- If I bring a personal device to school, including a mobile phone, I agree to log on to the internet via the school's Wi-Fi.
- I will not share the school's WiFi password with anyone else unless given permission by a member of staff
- I will not access, create or display any material (images, sounds, text, and video) which is likely to cause offence, inconvenience or anxiety to anyone.
- I will follow fully our teachers' instructions over the use of IT and the internet.
- I do not assume that information published on the Web or written in an email is accurate.
- I keep my username and password confidential.
- I am careful about what I write on a computer. I check my work before I print or send it.
- I do not use bad language. I do not write racist, sexist, abusive, homophobic or aggressive words. I do not write things that could upset or offend others.
- I understand that sending malicious messages outside of school can become a matter whereby the school will set sanctions or involve outside agencies such as the police.
- I am aware that my online activity at all times should not upset or hurt other people and that I should not put myself at risk.
- I do not make available online personal information about myself or anyone else, such as an address, telephone number and private details, in an email or on a website.
- I do not respond to offensive, abusive or rude messages. I let a teacher know immediately if I am sent anything I do not feel comfortable with.
- At school I do not go to sites or download any materials which are in bad taste, offensive, violent or pornographic.
- If I quote from a text, I will always attribute my sources and acknowledge use of anyone else's ideas, images or data by citing the author, using quotation marks, and compiling a bibliography as required.
- I always respect the privacy of other users' data.
- I will report to a teacher any incident that breaches the Digital Safety Agreement, even if that incident does not affect me.
- I will treat school IT equipment with respect and will report any damages to a teacher.
- If I deliberately damage a piece of school equipment I will be charged for its replacement.
- I will not bring the school's name into disrepute when using the school's IT equipment or school email.
- I will check my school emails regularly to enable me to work and learn effectively.
- I will follow the school rules on academic honesty and not practice plagiarism.
- I know that if I am worried about something related to technology outside of school I can ask for advice or help from my teachers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year group: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand the contents of the school's Digital Safety Agreement and the rules for using the internet, email and online tools safely and responsibly. I am aware that the adults working with me at school will help me to check that I am using the computers appropriately.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annex 5 - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

#### Introduction

We seek to be at the forefront of developing a meaningful, flexible and engaging Digital Policy that enhances an already excellent educational provision. We remain clear that the best resource in each classroom is a highly qualified, well informed and enthusiastic teacher. Through our digital strategy, we seek to broaden the educational experience and expertise of the school in a way which prepares our students and staff for a fast-changing digital world. We firmly believe that by providing additional resources and opportunity through the digital environment, our students will thrive academically and become better prepared learners for their careers. Use of devices can enhance learning. However, any student that chooses not to use a device will not be disadvantaged in their learning.

#### Links with Other Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with other policies, such as the Staff Code of Conduct Digital Safety Agreement and Safeguarding Policy.

#### Objective

Our objective is to enable students to safely use their own device to further their learning. This may involve using a personal computing device to support their independent study or, on the instruction of the teacher, in lessons.

#### Applicable Year Groups

This policy is intended for all senior students from Year 7-13.

Use of any device is at the discretion of the teacher and all students must use the device as directed. Where this policy is breached or abused by students, the school's Behaviour Policy applies.

#### Information for Students and Parents and/or Guardians

- Prior to bringing a device to school for the first time, students and their parents and/or guardians are expected to read this policy, which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of personal devices. By bringing a device into school, students and parents and/or guardians are accepting the terms of this policy.
- Students must use their device in accordance with the school's Digital Safety Agreement.
- Students must follow their teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their devices in class and must not use their device unless instructed to do so by a teacher. Using a device without permission will result in the device being confiscated and a parent and/or guardian will be required to collect the device from reception in accordance with the school policy on mobile devices.
- Students must connect their device to the designated wireless data network supplied by the school. Students must not bridge the school's designated network to any other network.
- Use of the device during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Students must use their device only as directed by their teacher.
- The device should only be used for educational purposes.
- Devices must remain on silent at all times. In the Sixth Form, students are allowed to use their devices in the Common Room, Café and Learning centre at all times.
- Devices must remain in pockets or bags unless permission for use is given by the teacher, however In the Sixth Form, students are allowed to use their devices in the Common Room, Café and Learning centre at all times
- Devices must be brought to school fully charged. The school does not provide facilities to charge devices. Students in the Sixth form will be able to charge their devices in the common room.
- Each student is solely responsible for the care of their device and their conduct whilst using their device at all times whether at school, home or out of school.

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- Students must be able to clearly identify their device.
- Devices may not be used during break/lunch other than with permission of a member of staff.
- All devices should be securely stored in lockers during PE/games.
- Devices should be covered by an up to date insurance policy.
- Any breach of this policy, including a phone being used or ringing in a lesson, will result in the device being confiscated and given to the school office until the end of the school day. If the rules are breached more than once, you may not be allowed to bring the device into school at all.
- The school's Digital Safety Agreement applies to all students using any device in any school. It is a condition that all students adhere to this policy.
- The device should have adequate, valid and up to date anti-virus software installed.
- There should never be an expectation that students must have a device. Use of a device should be in addition to excellent teaching.
- The school accepts no liability in respect of the loss or damage to devices while at school or during off-site activities.
- The decision to bring a device into school rests with the students and their parents/guardians, as does the liability for any loss or damage that may result from the use of a device in school.
- Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of students' devices in their classes only where they deem it appropriate. Students' use of their own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers should follow standard discipline procedures if a student is using a device without permission.
- Students from all year groups who have been identified via the Learning Support department are able to use their devices where appropriate.
- The SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) will inform staff if students are permitted to use a device in lessons due to medical and/or accessibility reasons to enable them to access the curriculum.

### Information About the School's Role

The school:

- has an expectation that all students who bring their own device will connect to the school's filtered wireless network
- does not provide any support to assist Students with establishing network connectivity with their device
- accepts no responsibility or liability for loss or damage to, or for maintenance or repair of, a student's device; and
- does not provide any insurance cover for devices brought to school.

### Appropriate Devices

- Devices will be carried throughout the school day so it is important that they are lightweight. The school supports both Windows and Apple devices.
- Devices must have a supported version of any of the following web browsers: Windows Edge, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome and Safari.
- Devices should be charged before being brought into school.



**Annex 6 - BYOD Parent and Student Agreement**

Parents/Guardians

The school accepts no liability in respect of the loss or damage to personal devices while at school, outside of school or during school off-site activities. The decision to bring a device into school rests with the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s), as does the liability for any loss or damage that may result from the use of a device in school. It is a condition of allowing students to bring in devices into school that the parent/guardian countersign this policy accepting this disclaimer.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Information for parents and/or guardians

- There should never be an expectation that students must have a device. Use of a device should be in addition to excellent teaching.
- The school accepts no liability in respect of the loss or damage to devices while at school, outside of school or during off-site activities.
- The decision to bring a device into the school rests with the students and their parents/guardians, as does the liability for any loss or damage that may result from the use of a device in school.
- Devices should be covered by a valid up to date insurance policy.
- The school’s Digital Safety Agreement applies to all students using all devices in schools. It is a condition that all students adhere to the policy.
- The device should have adequate, valid and up to date anti-virus software installed.

I have read the Bring Your Own Device Policy (BYOD) points above and give approval for the use of a personal device in school. I understand that the school accepts no liability in respect of any device used in school by a student. I have read the Digital Safety Agreement and will support the school in its implementation.

Name (Parent/Carer) .....

Signed .....

Date .....

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Information for Students

- Prior to bringing a device to school for the first time, students and their parents and/or guardians are expected to read this agreement, which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of devices. By bringing a device into school, Students and parents and/or guardians are accepting the terms of this policy and the Digital Safety Agreement.
- Students must follow teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their devices in class and must only use their device when instructed to do so by a teacher. Using a device without permission will result in the device being confiscated and a parent and/or guardian will be required to collect the device from the school office in accordance with the school policy on mobile devices.
- Students should connect their device to the school’s wireless network and must not use a VPN.
- Use of the device during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Students must use their device only as directed by their teacher.
- The device should only be used for educational purposes.
- Phones must remain on silent at all times.
- Phones must remain in pockets/bags unless permission for use is given by the teacher.

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- Devices must be brought to school fully charged. The school does not provide facilities to charge devices.
- Each student is solely responsible for the care of and their conduct on their device at all times whether at school, home or out of school.
- Students must be able to clearly identify their device.
- Devices may/may not be used during break/lunch.
- All devices should be securely stored in lockers during PE/games.
- Any breach of the above rules, including a phone being used or ringing in a lesson, will result in the technology being confiscated and given to the school office until the end of the school day. If the rules are breached more than once, you may not be allowed to bring technology into school.
- The device should have adequate, up to date and valid anti-virus software installed.
- Ultimately the decision as to whether a device is being misused lies in the sole discretion of a teacher or member of staff.

### Digital Safety for Students

I am encouraged to use and be aware of the safety rules and procedures which regulate my use of devices, including the internet. Access to the school's network and the internet enables me to find resources, to communicate appropriately (in accordance with this policy), and to help my research for the completion of school work. I accept that these facilities are to be used for educational purposes only and in an appropriate manner. I take responsibility for my actions and know that any breach of the rules will be considered a serious disciplinary matter.

- I accept that the school monitors my use of the internet at school and my school email account.
- If I bring a device to school, including a mobile phone, I agree to log on to the internet via the school's Wi-Fi but only on the teachers' instructions.
- I will not access, create or display any material (images, sounds, text, and video) which is likely to cause offence, inconvenience or anxiety to anyone.
- I will follow fully our teachers' instructions over the use of my device and the internet.
- I do not assume that information published on the Web or written in an email is accurate.
- I will keep my username and password confidential.
- I will be careful about what I write on a computer. I will check my work before I print or send it
- I will not use bad language or write racist, sexist, abusive, homophobic or aggressive words. I will not write things that could upset or offend others.
- I understand that sending malicious messages outside of school can become a matter whereby the school will impose sanctions or involve outside agencies such as the police.
- I am aware that my online activity at all times should not upset or hurt other people and that I should not put myself at risk.
- I will not make available online any personal information about myself or anyone else, such as an address, telephone number and private details, in any form.
- I will not respond to offensive, abusive or rude messages. I will let a teacher know immediately if I am sent anything I do not feel comfortable with.
- At school I will not go to sites or download any materials which are in bad taste, offensive, violent or pornographic.
- If I quote from a text, I will always attribute my sources and acknowledge use of anyone else's ideas, images or data by citing the author, using quotation marks, and compiling a bibliography as required.
- I will always respect the privacy of other users' data.
- I will report to a teacher any incident that breaches the Digital Safety rules, even if that incident does not affect me.
- I will treat other students' devices and school ICT equipment with respect and will report any damages to a teacher.
- If I damage a piece of school equipment I will be charged for its replacement.

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- I will not bring the school's name into disrepute; I will check my school emails regularly to enable me to work and learn effectively.
- I will follow the school rules on academic honesty and not practice plagiarism.
- I know that if I am worried about something related to technology outside of school I can ask for advice or help from my teachers.
- I will not hack or bypass any hardware or software security implemented by the department or my school.
- I will not use social media sites or apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat whilst in lessons. I will also not post anything harmful, offensive or discriminating on social media whilst in school or outside of school.
- I will not use my device for cheating. This includes messaging or using the internet for answers to tests or exams.
- I will make available my device to teachers when asked.
- I will report any cyber bullying, whether it be myself or others, to teachers or a member of staff immediately.

I have read the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) points above and agree to follow them. I understand that if I break or abuse the rules, the school has the right to remove the privilege of using a device in school. I have read the Digital Safety Agreement and will adhere to it. I understand that if I break any rules within the school's Digital Safety Agreement, or those within the BYOD Agreement, I will be subject to sanctions. This may include loss of access to the school network and/or the internet, contact with parents and/or guardians and the loss of permission to bring a device into school.

I understand that any digital images and/or names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers or the personal details of students and staff which are present on my device are considered personal data and as such are covered by data protection legislation, namely, the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time). I undertake that such images will not be used or shared in any form without prior written consent.

Student Name .....

Signed .....

Date .....

### Annex 7 – Email Etiquette

Email best practice:

- Write well-structured emails and use short, descriptive subjects.
- Sentences can be short and to the point. You can start your email with 'Hi', or 'Dear', and the name of the person. The use of internet abbreviations and characters such as smileys is not encouraged.
- Signatures must include your name, job title and school name. A disclaimer should be added underneath your signature.
- Users must spell check all mails prior to transmission.
- Only mark emails as important if they really are important.
- Avoid long strings of messages; start new conversations.

Do not:

- write it in an email unless you would put it on a noticeboard in the office or in a newspaper
- write anything that is libellous, defamatory, offensive, racist or obscene - you and the school can be held liable
- forward confidential information - you and the school can be held liable
- forward a message with sensitive information without acquiring permission from the sender first
- send email messages using another person's email account.

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### Annex 8 – Student one to one device agreement

Student agreement:

- I acknowledge that the issued device remains the property of the school and will treat it with care.
- I accept that I will be charged for any deliberate damage to school owned devices.
- I will not install any software or additional content such as DLC, add-ons, and applications without the permission of a member of staff.
- I will not attempt to remove or circumvent any software, to include anti-malware and filters, from the device.
- I will use the device for school related tasks only.
- I accept that it is my responsibility to charge the device before I arrive at school as there will be limited opportunities to do so during the day. I accept that I may not be able to charge the device during a lesson and that it is my responsibility to monitor how much charge the device has.
- I will shut down the device every day and not change any of the settings relating to the updating of the device.
- I will use the device in accordance with the Digital Safety Agreement.
- I will not use my device to take images or videos unless given permission by a member of staff.
- I will not share any documents to include images and videos with accounts outside of the school domain. This includes my own personal accounts such as social media.
- I will not sign into any of my personal social media accounts using the school issued device.

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- I accept I must connect my device to the designated wireless data network supplied by the school. I also accept I must not bridge the school's designated network to any other network, this includes creating a connection via a personal mobile device.
- The device must remain muted unless given permission by a member of staff.
- I will not use the device to message other students during lessons, I accept that doing so will result in a review of my use of the device. In addition I will not use the device to message other students at any time unless relating to school activities or work.
- I will only use the designated software on the device in order message staff or other students within the school. This will include software such as MS Outlook and MS Teams.
- I will place the device securely in my locker during PE and Games lessons, I will place my device in a secure and appropriate location if I cannot keep it with me during break and lunchtime.
- I will not use the device during break and lunchtimes unless given permission to do so by a member of staff.
- I will sign into my school emails only on the device and not personal accounts, I will also sign into any software with the credentials given. If I forget my username and/or passwords I will notify my form tutor who will raise a ticket with the service team.
- I will only use the software the member of staff has asked me to during the lesson.
- I understand that continuous or serious breaches of this and/or the digital safety agreement relating to the use of the device may lead to the removal of the device.
- I understand and accept that the school has the right to monitor my emails, files stored using my school account both on and offline, browsing data and history for any software and undertake at any time an audit of the issued device if deemed necessary.
- I will report any physical damage and software issues as soon as I am able to a member of staff. I will not attempt to repair any damage or software issues myself, all issues relating to the device are to be resolved by the school and the IT Service team. In addition I will not modify or replace the hardware of the device in any way.

Student Name:

Date:

Form: