

# COGNITA

## 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 pupils. 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 pupils.
- 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 pupils 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
  - Viruses.
- 1.3 It is also important that staff are clear about the procedures, for example only contacting pupils about homework via a school email address, Teams 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 pupils.
- 1.5 It is the duty of the school to ensure that pupils, teachers, administrative staff and visitors are protected from potential harm whilst they are on school premises.
- 1.6 The involvement of pupils and parents is also vital to the successful use of digital technologies. This policy thus also aims to inform how parents and pupils are part of the procedures and how pupils 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 pupils within the school by detailing appropriate and acceptable use of all online and digital technologies.
- To outline the roles and responsibilities of all pupils, staff and parents.
- To ensure all pupils, 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 Pupils

- 3.1 Our pupils:
- 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 pupil 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;
- 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 school work, and be copyright free;
- Are taught to understand what is meant by e-safety through age appropriate delivery;
- Are taught that sending malicious or hurtful messages outside of the school can become a matter whereby the school may set sanctions or involve outside agencies such as the;
- 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 pupil wireless network, and must not circumvent internet access by using a personal device's cellular data services.

#### **4 Inappropriate Use by Pupils**

4.1 Should a pupil be found to deliberately misuse digital or online facilities whilst at school, appropriate sanctions will be applied. If a pupil accidentally accesses inappropriate materials, the pupil is expected to report this to an appropriate member of staff immediately and take action to minimise the screen or close the window. The member of staff should then report this to the Head of Digital Learning. Deliberate abuse or damage of school equipment will result in parents being billed for the replacement costs of the equipment. Should a pupil 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 pupil 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 pupils on Digital Safety;
- Ensure that pupils 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 pupil 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 pupil related to safeguarding and e-safety to the Designated Safeguarding Lead;
  - Report accidental access to inappropriate materials to the Head of Digital Learning or Network Manager 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 DSL, 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 pupils, 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 pupil's misuse or abuse of IT equipment when they are not on the school premises. This includes social networking with other pupils, and the possibility of pupils 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 pupils. 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils (Year 2 to Year 10) to promote safe and efficient communication in the school. Pupil email accounts are provided by the IT Service Desk.
- 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 Marketing & Admissions team, in writing, at Main Site.
- 15.2 Staff are not permitted to use their own devices or memory cards to record videos or photographs of pupils, and when storing images within the school's network are requested to only use the pupil's first name.

### 16 The Curriculum and Tools for Learning

16.1 The school teaches our pupils 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 such as viruses, and opening mail from a stranger;
- Access to resources that outline how to be safe and responsible when using any online technologies;
- Knowledge of copyright and plagiarism issues;
- 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; pupils 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 pupils and staff. The Head of Digital Learning, ICT teachers and Heads of Year will conduct regular audits with pupils 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 pupils 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.



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

- (A) An inappropriate website is accessed inadvertently:
- Report to the Head of Digital Learning; 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;
  - Report to the Head of Digital Learning, the Head and DSL immediately; and
  - The Head 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 Head of Digital Learning 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 pupil, or used ICT equipment, inappropriately:
- Ensure the pupil is reassured;
  - Alert the Head of Digital Learning and report to the Head who should follow the Staff Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy (if relevant);
  - Preserve the information received by the pupil if possible, and determine whether the information received is abusive, threatening or innocent; and
  - If illegal or inappropriate use is established, contact the Head (or the DE (Cognita Director of Education), if the allegation is made against the Head) 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:
- Alert the Head of Digital Learning and preserve any evidence; and
  - Inform the Head 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:
- Report to the Head and the Head of Digital Learning.

### Annex 2 – Digital Safety Agreement for Pupils 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 Pupils 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 online or through any form of social media 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.

Pupil signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annex 4 – Digital Safety Agreement for Pupils in Years 7 – 10

#### Year 7 – 10: Digital Safety Agreement

**This agreement covers the use of any digital device (1-2-1 laptop, mobile phone, iPad / tablet etc) and must be signed by pupils before devices will be allowed to be taken home.**

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.

#### Technical queries:

- In the first instance, I will direct any technical issues related to my online learning platforms, logons or functionality via email to the Cognita Service Desk at [onlinelearningsupport@cognitaschools.co.uk](mailto:onlinelearningsupport@cognitaschools.co.uk).
- I will always keep my usernames and passwords safe and confidential. I will never share personal information about myself or anyone else, such as an address, telephone number and private details, in an email or on a website.
- I understand that I will be using different Ed Tech platforms and will need to be responsible for keeping track of my different login details and passwords.

#### Online relationship with others:

- I will regularly check my email (Outlook), Firefly and Teams, for assignments, deadlines and messages from my teachers.
- I will only use my Downsend email address or Teams to send messages to members of staff.
- I understand that the school monitors my school email account and messages.
- I will follow the school rules on academic honesty and not plagiarise another person's work.
- I will not access, create or display any material (images, sounds, text, and video) which is inappropriate or is likely to cause offence, inconvenience or anxiety to anyone.
- I will not write or post racist, sexist, abusive, homophobic or aggressive words. I will not write or post things that could upset or offend others.
- I understand that sending malicious messages can become a matter whereby the school will issue sanctions or, if appropriate, 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 respond to offensive, abusive or rude messages. Should that happen, I will let a teacher, my Head of Year or an adult know immediately.
- My behaviour will not jeopardise the reputation of the school, or its community in any way.

#### Using 1-2-1 Devices:

- I will not misuse my 1-2-1 device or any of the software installed on it.
- I will always follow the instructions of my teacher.
- I will only access online meetings when instructed to do so by my teacher and not outside of these times.
- When asked to 'Flip my device', I will turn the device around so that the screen and keyboard are facing away from me.
- I will ensure that my device is fully charged overnight and brought to school ready to use every day.

- I will keep my charger at home and not bring it to school.
- I understand that I need to take my device (and digital inking stylus) to all lessons, although I know that I may not necessarily use the device in every lesson.
- I will look after my device and stylus and keep them in the protective sleeve when not in use.
- I understand that I will need my own headphones / earbuds to use with my 1-2-1 device.
- I will not use or interfere with anyone else's device without the permission of a teacher.
- I will look after other pupils' devices and styluses in an appropriate way.
- I will not vandalise, break or mis-use any equipment, stylus or device, either my own or others'.
- I will save my work into the appropriate folder on my device.
- Use of my 1-2-1 device at school is at the discretion of the school staff.

### **Photographs, Recordings, Social Media and Online Content:**

- Whilst at school, I will not take photos, videos or any form of audio or visual recordings of myself, other pupils or members of staff on any device unless it is part of a lesson and under the supervision of a teacher and I have consent from all those involved.
- I will not upload onto any social media platform or online storage any photos, videos or recordings of myself or other pupils in school uniform.
- I will not take or upload onto any social media platform or online storage any photos, videos or recordings of any member of staff.

### **Online Lessons:**

- When in a videocall or live lesson:-
  - I will be on time, in a suitable room, and dressed appropriately (no pyjamas). If I am inappropriately dressed, my teachers will politely end the conversation and ask me to make any necessary changes.
  - I will talk to my teacher and classmates respectfully.
  - I will mute my microphone at the start of the lesson to avoid unnecessary noise.
  - I will turn my camera on when instructed to do so by the teacher.
  - I will never record, take photos or screenshots of my classmates or teachers.
  - I will end the session as soon as our teacher indicates and will not return to the call.
- I will report any incident that breaches the Digital Safety Agreement to a teacher or my Head of Year, Mr Silva or Mr Newland, even if that incident does not affect me.
- I will take regular breaks from screens and technology. I will monitor my own social and emotional balance by maintaining healthy habits away from screens such as sport, exercise, hobbies. I will continue to / reconnect with reading as a way of disconnecting from the digital world and my screen time.

### **Mobile Phones:**

**These may only be brought in to school in order to facilitate home / school transport and permission must be sought from the school beforehand.**

- I understand that my parents must seek permission from the Senior School for me to bring my mobile phone into school. The senior school can be emailed at [seniorschool@downsend.co.uk](mailto:seniorschool@downsend.co.uk)
- Where I have been given permission to bring my mobile phone into school, I will hand this in to my form tutor at the start of each day and collect it at the end of every day.
- I agree not to use my mobile phone at all whilst at school or on school premises without the permission of a member of staff who will be present during its use.
- I understand that if I am on a school trip, fixture or any event where I am representing the school then this still counts as being at school.
- I understand that if I do not adhere to these rules then I will receive an appropriate sanction, which could include the confiscation of my mobile phone for a period of time.

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- I understand that any form of smartwatch or wearable device / fitness tracker that is capable of communicating with another wearable device or mobile phone must not be worn at school, irrespective of whether it has a sim card (or e-sim) or not.
- I understand that if I use my mobile phone, or other digital devices, in a manner that brings the school into disrepute, or adversely affects another member of the Downsend community, then appropriate sanctions in line with the level of severity of the misuse, and in line with our bullying and inclusivity policies, will be issued, including detentions, community service, fixed term exclusion and/or expulsion as deemed appropriate by the Head of School. This would specifically apply to the inappropriate use of social media platforms on any other online content with regard to offensive language, gender/identity based terminology or the creation of an imbalance of power/numbers in line with our anti-bullying policy.

I accept that this Digital Safety Agreement is meant to keep me safe. I take responsibility for my actions and know that any breach of this agreement will be considered a serious disciplinary matter.

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

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.

Pupil 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 pupils and staff for a fast changing digital world. We firmly believe that by providing additional resources and opportunity through the digital environment, our pupils will thrive academically and become better prepared learners for their careers. Use of devices can enhance learning. However, any pupil that chooses not to use a device will not be disadvantaged in their learning. All pupils from Y3 to Year 10 have been provided with their own 1-2-1 device and so there is no necessity for pupils to bring their own device to school. On occasion, however, it may be necessary for a pupil to do so and therefore this policy will then become applicable.

#### 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 pupils 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 KS3 pupils if they are using their own device.

Use of any device is at the discretion of the Head of Digital Learning and all pupils must use the device as directed by a member of staff. Where this policy is breached or abused by pupils, the school's Behaviour Policy applies.

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

- Permission to bring a device to school must be sought from the Head of Digital Learning.
- Prior to bringing a device to school for the first time, pupils 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, pupils and parents and/or guardians are accepting the terms of this policy.
- Pupils must use their device in accordance with the school's Digital Safety Agreement.
- Pupils 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.
- Pupils must connect their device to the designated wireless data network supplied by the school. Pupils 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. Pupils must use their device only as directed by their teacher.
- The device should only be used for educational purposes.
- Devices must remain in bags unless permission for use is given by the teacher.
- Devices must be brought to school fully charged.
- Each pupil 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.
- Pupils must be able to clearly identify their device.
- Devices may not be used unsupervised.

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- All devices should be securely stored in the respective Head of Year office.
- 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. 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 pupils using any device in any school. It is a condition that all pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils' devices in their classes only where they deem it appropriate. Pupils' use of their own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers should follow standard discipline procedures if a pupil is using a device without permission.
- Pupils from all year groups who have been identified via the Learning Support department are able to use their devices where appropriate.
- The SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) will inform staff if pupils 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 pupils who bring their own device will connect to the school's filtered wireless network;
- Does not provide any support to assist pupils with establishing network connectivity with their device;
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for loss or damage to, or for maintenance or repair of, a pupil'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 Pupil Agreement

#### Parents/Carers

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 pupil and their parent(s) and/or 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 pupils to bring in devices into school that the parent and/or 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils using all devices in schools. It is a condition that all pupils 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 pupil. 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 pupils

- Prior to bringing a device to school for the first time, pupils 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, pupils and parents and/or guardians are accepting the terms of this policy and the Digital Safety Agreement.
- Pupils must follow teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their devices 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.
- Pupils 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. Pupils must use their device only as directed by their teacher.
- The device should only be used for educational purposes.
- Devices must be brought to school fully charged. The school does not provide facilities to charge devices.
- Each pupil is solely responsible for the care of and their conduct on their device at all times whether at school, home or out of school.
- Pupils must be able to clearly identify their device.
- Devices may be used in the Learning Resource Centre during break and lunch.

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- All devices should be securely stored in lockers during PE/games.
- Any breach of the above rules, 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 Pupils

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 pupils' 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.
- 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.

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- 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 pupils 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.

Pupil 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 / emojis 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.
- Avoid use of the 'reply all' function unless absolutely vital.

#### 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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