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School IT and Internet policy for pupils. See also Cyber-Safety

Used wisely, the IT system and the Internet are extremely useful educational resources, but there is also the potential danger of entrapment, misinformation, of losing private information, of addiction, or simply wasting time.

Rules

The school takes the issues of cyber bullying and cyber safety very seriously and there are separate policy documents on these and a pupil booklet on safe use of the internet and mobile phones.

Each pupil has his or her network user ID and password, for which they are responsible and which must be kept secret.

Pupils must not engage in any activity that will, or might, compromise either the system or the work of others.

Use of the IT system is monitored. Misuse of the system is a breach of school rules will be investigated, will lead to punishment, which could include the imposition of restrictions on ICT access.

Use of the IT system must have a clear and justifiable educational purpose which is related to College approved activities.

No files may be intentionally downloaded unless directed by staff. No programs may be introduced, nor installations made.

Accounts must not be set up. Goods or services must not be ordered. Pay to view or chargeable services must not be accessed.

Chat rooms must not be visited. Games must not be played.

No unacceptable or offensive material should be accessed, downloaded or sent. This includes material of a violent, racist or pornographic nature.

If you enter an unacceptable site by accident, EXIT immediately and report it to a member of the IT staff.