Parkstone Grammar School

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

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Parkstone Grammar School recognises the need to maintain a strategy for the effective use of the Internet as a valuable tool for learning.

AIMS OF THE POLICY

This policy aims to outline how the school can educate its students and staff to use the Internet safely. The school deploys a range of hardware and software systems to reduce online line risks and has in place a set of procedures which enable staff and students to use the Internet safely and responsibly. This policy aims to outline these.

The school has the following responsibilities:

- To designate staff to be responsible for student safety and security policies related to the Internet and electronic communications, (eg e-mail).

- To ensure that all internet access is monitored.

- To provide for learners, staff and any other adults an on screen Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, before being allowed Internet access.

- To have a system of sanctions for dealing with improper use of ICT equipment and its use.

- To make parents aware of the Internet Safety policy and procedures.

- To connect to the Internet through a filtered service.

- To ensure that staff and learners are aware that their e-mail use and Internet activity is monitored.

- To follow guidelines on the use of photos and personal details on school websites.

- To follow guidelines on the use of video-conferencing and/or webcams with/by learners.

- To take reasonable precautions to prevent the misuse of mobile phones.

- To reinforce the understanding of staff and learners that material on the Internet is subject to copyright legislation.

- To include Internet Safety as part of the Wellbeing programme.

Staff of Parkstone Grammar School accept the following responsibilities:

- To implement School Policies and procedures regarding Staff and Student Internet and e-mail Acceptable Use.

- To ensure that people in their care understand and follow policies and procedures regarding Staff and Student Internet and e-mail Acceptable Use.

- Staff and Students should be aware of any potential copyright infringement.

Learners in school have the following responsibilities:

- To have a responsible attitude to the use of school ICT equipment and internet / e-mail provision.

- To follow the school's policies on Acceptable Use of the Internet and e-mail.

The following activities are strictly prohibited by all members of the school community:

- Use of the Internet to harass, offend or bully any other person.

- Use of the Internet for any inappropriate or illegal purpose.

- Use of the Internet for transmission or reception of threatening or obscene material.

- Use of the Internet for transmission or receipt of illegal material from any source.

- Use of the Internet for the transmission or receipt of viruses or unlicensed software.

- Use of the Internet for any commercial purpose or profit.

- The 'Use of the Internet' also applies to the use of personal devices or other internet capable mobile communication devices in schools.

The technological landscape is constantly changing and it is important to adapt to new threats as they arise. At present the school is looking for ways of tracking, blocking or monitoring unsolicited internet access via mobile/smart phones.

Students in Years 7 to 11 are not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in school. Years 12 and 13 students may only use their phones in sixth form designated areas or outside of buildings.

SAFEGUARDING

The school recognises the need to protect users, in particular young people, from offensive and dangerous material and acknowledges the need to ensure that all users make responsible use of the Internet and this policy outlines procedures to do this.

CORE SCHOOL VALUES

The school aims to provide a balanced curriculum which will enable all girls to develop to the full the skills and attitudes with which to cope with adult life in a rapidly changing and increasingly technological and scientific society. This policy recognises the benefits to learning from offering students the opportunity to use the Internet to support their development and learning.

LINKED POLICIES

- Internet and Email Acceptable Use Policy – Students
- Internet and Email Acceptable Use Policy – Staff
- Bring Your Own Device Policy