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Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to ensure responsible and appropriate use of the school's network and internet resources by students. It aims to provide a safe and productive online environment that supports educational activities and prevents misuse.

Policy:

General Usage Guidelines:
a) Students shall use the school's fixed and/or wireless network and/or the internet primarily for educational purposes related to their studies at school.
b) Students are responsible for their online behaviour and must adhere to the school's code of conduct and relevant laws and regulations.
c) Students shall respect the rights and privacy of others while using the internet and online communication platforms.

Gaming:
a) Students shall refrain from playing games, except when directly related to their school work and with the explicit permission of a teacher.

Data Copying and Loading:
a) Students shall not copy or load any software, files, or data onto the school's computers or network unless required to do so for educational purposes as part of their school work.

Appropriate Online Content:
a) Students shall not search for or access any content that is illegal, dangerous, offensive, or objectionable.
b) If students accidentally come across such content, they must:

• Immediately close or remove the offensive material from their screen, network drive, USB, or any other storage locations.
• Quietly and promptly inform a teacher about the incident.

Privacy and Confidentiality:
a) Students shall not disclose anyone's home addresses, phone numbers, images, or any other private information in emails or any online communication, service, or website.
b) Students shall safeguard their personal information and refrain from sharing passwords or allowing others to access their computer or email accounts.

Online Behaviour:
a) Students shall not use the internet or email to annoy, offend, bully, or threaten anyone.
b) Students shall treat others with respect and follow the school's policies on appropriate online communication.

Protection of Equipment:
   a) Students shall not interfere with or damage any computers, printers, or other network equipment.
   b) Students shall use these resources solely for educational purposes related to their studies at school.

Consequences:

Students who violate any of the above rules may face appropriate action taken by the School's Leadership Team, which may include:

- Loss of school network access and/or internet access.
- Disciplinary actions in accordance with the school's policies and procedures.

Note:

The school acknowledges that the internet is a valuable educational resource but also recognises the possibility of exposure to harmful content. While filtering measures are in place to block harmful material, responsible use of the internet by students is crucial in minimising exposure to illegal, dangerous, or offensive information. Teachers, the school, and the education department will exercise a duty of care, but students must also take responsibility for their actions and make informed choices while using this public resource.

By adhering to this Acceptable Use Policy, students contribute to a safe and productive online environment that supports their learning and the overall well-being of the school community.