

Oriel High School : Acceptable Use for Students Policy

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All students must follow the conditions described in this policy when using school ICT networked resources including: Internet access, and 'Moodle' the school Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) both in and outside of school.

Breaking these conditions may lead to:

- Withdrawal of the students access,
- Close monitoring of the students network activity,
- Investigation of the students past network activity,
- In some cases, criminal prosecution.

Students will be provided with guidance by staff in the use of the resources available through the schools network. School staff will regularly monitor the network to make sure that it is being used responsibly.

The school will not be responsible for any loss of data as a result of the system or student mistakes in using the system. Use of any information obtained via the network is at the student's own risk.

Conditions of Use

Student access to the networked resources is a privilege, not a right. Students will be expected to use the resources for the educational purposes for which they are provided.

It is the personal responsibility of every student to take all reasonable steps to make sure they follow the conditions set out in this Policy. Students must also accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to Mr Harris IT Network Manager.

Acceptable Use

Students are expected to use the network systems in a responsible manner. It is not possible to set a complete set of rules about what is, and what is not, acceptable. All use however should be consistent with the school student charter. The following list does provide some examples that must be followed when using a school PC or your own device.

1	I will not create, send or post any material that is likely to cause offence or needless anxiety to other people or bring the school (or West Sussex County Council) into disrepute.
2	I will use appropriate language – I will remember that I am a representative of the school on a global public system. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
3	I will not use language that could stir up hatred against any ethnic, religious or other minority group.
4	I realise that files held on the school network will be regularly checked by the <u>IT Network Manager</u> , or other members of staff.

5	I will not reveal any personal information (e.g. home address, telephone number) about myself or other users over the network.
6	I will not trespass into other users' files or folders.
7	I will not share my login details (including passwords) with anyone else. Likewise, I will never use other people's username and password.
8	I will ensure that if I think someone has learned my password then I will change it immediately and/or contact the <u>IT Network Manager</u> .
9	I will ensure that I log off after my network session has finished.
10	If I find an unattended machine logged on under other users username I will not continue using the machine – I will log it off immediately.
11	I understand that I will not be allowed access to unsupervised and/or unauthorised chat rooms and should not attempt to gain access to them.
12	I am aware that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. Messages supporting of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities. Anonymous / unnamed messages are not permitted.
13	I will not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.
14	I will report any accidental access to other people's information, unsuitable websites or being sent inappropriate materials that make me feel uncomfortable to the <u>IT network Manager</u> .
15	I will not introduce "USB drives" or other portable devices into the network without having them checked for viruses.
16	I will not attempt to visit websites that might be considered inappropriate or illegal. I am aware that downloading some material is illegal and the police or other authorities may be called to investigate such use. I will not allow members of staff or ask them to be a friend/link on any social networking sites.
17	I will not download and/or install any unapproved software, system utilities or resources from the Internet.
18	I realise that students under reasonable suspicion of misuse in terms of time, activity or content may have their usage closely monitored or have their past use investigated.
19	I will not receive, send or publish material that violates copyright law. This includes materials sent / received using Video Conferencing or Web Broadcasting.
20	I will not attempt to harm or destroy any equipment, work of another user on the school network, or even another website or network connected to the school system.
21	I understand that unapproved system utilities and executable files are not allowed in my work areas or attached to e-mails.
22	I agree to comply with the acceptable use policy of any other networks that I access.

UNACCEPTABLE USE

Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to:

- Logging in with another persons user ID and password, or using a machine left unattended, but logged in by another user.
- Creating, transmitting, displaying or publishing any material (text, images or sounds) that is likely to harass, cause offence, inconvenience or needless anxiety to any other person.
- Unauthorised access to data and resources on the school network system that belong to other "users".
- User action that would cause:
 - Corruption or destruction of other users' data,
 - Violate the privacy or dignity of other users,
 - Intentionally waste time or resources on the school network or elsewhere.

NETWORK SECURITY

If you discover a security problem, for example being able to access other users data, you must inform the IT Network Manager immediately and not show it to other users. Students identified as a security risk will be denied access to the network.

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Student User Agreement Form for the Student Acceptable Use Policy

I agree to follow the school rules on the use of the school network resources. I will use the network in a responsible way and observe all the conditions explained in the school acceptable use policy in the spirit of the school Student Charter.

I agree to report any misuse of the network to Mr Harris, IT Network Manager

I also agree to report any websites that are available on the school Internet that contain inappropriate material to Mr Harris, IT Network Manager

If I do not follow the rules, I understand that this may result in loss of access to these resources as well as other disciplinary action. I realise that students under reasonable suspicion of misuse in terms of time or content may have their usage monitored or their past use investigated.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: __/__/____