



ICT Acceptable Use Policy Agreement for Sixth form students

Academy Policy

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to ensure:

- that academy systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- the academy will provide access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the *students* to agree to be responsible users.

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

The ICT infrastructure (equipment, network and data) is owned by Urmston Grammar and made available to enhance staff professional activities and further student education. Urmston Grammar eSafety and Acceptable Network/Internet Use Policy has been drawn up to protect all parties (students, staff and wider UG community) and the integrity of the ICT infrastructure.

I understand that I must use academy systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems and other users.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the *academy* will monitor my use of the systems, devices and digital communications (*internet and email usage*)
- I will keep my username and password safe and secure – I will not share it, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it.
- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating on-line.
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line (this could include names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, age, gender, educational details, financial details etc.)
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it on-line.



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I understand that everyone has equal rights to use technology as a resource and:

- I understand that the *academy* systems and devices are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use them for personal or recreational use unless I have permission.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not use the *academy* systems or devices for on-line gaming, on-line gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (eg YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.
- I will not unplug or move equipment as this may result in damaging equipment and I may be charged for either the repair or replacement of any broken equipment.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened, to IT Support services.

I will act as I expect others to act toward me:

- I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without the owner's knowledge and permission.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, I will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will not take or distribute images of anyone without their permission.
- I will report any instances of cyber bullying to my Form Tutor and/or Head of School.

I recognise that the school has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of the *academy*:

- I will only use my own personal devices (mobile phones / USB devices etc) in school if I have permission (in line with the academy mobile electronic device policy). I understand that, if I do use my own devices in the *academy*, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment and the mobile electronic device policy.
- I understand that the *academy* will monitor my use of the systems, devices and digital communications (*internet and email usage*).
- I understand the risks and will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others, nor will I try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless I know and trust the person / organisation who sent the email, or if I have any concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes)



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- I will not install or attempt to install or store programmes of any type on any school device, nor will I try to alter computer settings.
- I will only use social media sites with permission and at the times that are allowed.
- I understand that the academy reserves the right to examine or delete any files that may be held on its computer system and to monitor all network/Internet activity.

When using the internet for research or recreation, I recognise that:

- I should ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work.
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not try to download copies (including music and videos).
- When I am using the internet to find information, I should take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:

- I understand that the *academy* also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, that are covered in this agreement, when I am out of school and where they involve my membership of the school community (examples would be cyber-bullying, use of images or personal information).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include loss of access to the school network / internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

Social Media

- Access to some social media sites are granted to all sixth formers but this facility must only be used for research and any inappropriate use will result in either detention or removal of this resource.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

- Students choosing to connect their personal devices to the Academy wireless network accept that, where appropriate, they must comply with the requirements and terms of this policy and abide by the ICT Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy.

Please complete the sections on the next page to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems and devices.