



## Whiteheath Education Centre

### **Acceptable Internet Use Policy Statement (for ALL Staff)**

The computer system is owned by the school. This Responsible Internet Use statement helps to protect staff and the school by clearly stating what use of the computer resources is acceptable and what is not.

- Irresponsible use may result in the loss of Internet access.
- Network access must be made via the user's authorised account and password, which must not be given to any other person.
- Users should log off or lock the computer when leaving a workstation, even for just a short period.
- School computer and Internet use must be appropriate to staff professional activity.
- Copyright and intellectual property rights must be respected.
- E-mail should be written carefully and politely, particularly as messages may be forwarded or printed and be seen by unexpected readers.
- Users are responsible for e-mail they send and for contacts made.
- Anonymous messages and chain letters are not permitted.
- The use of unauthorised chat rooms is not allowed.
- The school ICT systems may not be used for private purposes, unless the Head Teacher has given permission for that use.
- ICT system security must be respected; it is a criminal offence to use a computer for a purpose not permitted by the system owner.

The school may exercise its right to monitor the use of the school's computer systems, including access to web-sites, the interception of e-mail and the deletion of inappropriate materials. Such action may be taken where the school believes unauthorised use of the school's computer system is or may be taking place, or the system is or may be being used for criminal purposes or for storing unauthorised or unlawful text, imagery or sound.

This policy is to protect the interests and safety and aims to provide clear advice and

guidance on how to minimise risks and how to deal with any infringements. It is linked to the following school policy: Online Safety.

This Acceptable Use Policy (for all staff) is inclusive of both fixed and mobile internet, technologies provided by the school (such as PCs, laptops, whiteboards, tablet, voting systems, digital video and camera equipment, etc) and technologies owned by staff.

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### **Acceptance of the above conditions**

**Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_