



## **GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

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### *Acceptable Use Statement*

All users requiring access to the school's ICT systems must sign a copy of this statement and return it to the school *before* access is granted. All users of school ICT equipment and infrastructure must read and understand the school's eSafety Policy and sign this Statement as an agreement that this is the case. A copy of the eSafety Policy can be found on the school website or will be provided on request.

The Computer Network is owned by the school and is made available to students to further their education and to staff to enhance their professional activities including teaching, research, administration and management. The school reserves the right to examine or delete any files held on the network and to monitor Email and Internet use, where it believes the safety of an individual or the reputation of the school is at risk.

- All 'in contact time' Network and Internet activity should be appropriate to staff professional activity or the student's education. Any misuse of the facilities will result in restrictions being enforced and reparation for any damages sought. All in-contact and non-contact time activity should adhere to the guidance and regulations set out in the eSafety Policy;
- When user's own computer equipment (BYOD) is used to access the school network facilities, this equipment is also covered by this statement. Please note that the school does not provide technical support for personal equipment and it is used entirely at the user's own risk;
- Access should only be made via the authorised user account and password, which should not be made available to any other person. Users are responsible for all activity carried out using their user account (including any e-mails sent and for contacts made that may result in e-mail being received);
- Any activity that threatens the integrity of school ICT systems, or that intentionally attacks or corrupts other systems is forbidden (e.g. Hacking, spreading viruses);
- User's files should be stored on the network in their designated area. Other storage (e.g. USB drives) may be used with permission but the user accepts sole responsibility for the content and security of the files and for maintaining up-to-date backup copies;
- Use of the network to access or store inappropriate materials such as pornographic, racist, offensive or illegal material is forbidden (including software, music and videos). Copyright of materials must be respected at all times;
- Use for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is forbidden. Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is forbidden;

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**I have read the Acceptable Use Statement and hereby agree to be bound by it.**

Name of User (Block Capitals): \_\_\_\_\_ Form (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Users Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(For Students only)** Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_