

The Responsible Computer and Internet Use statement helps to protect students 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 and/or Network access.
- Network access must be made via the Students authorised account and password, which must not be given to any other person.
- At no time must a student unplug any computer hardware, for example mouse, keyboard or monitor, or disconnect or remove computer equipment.
- School computer and Internet use must be appropriate to the student's education.
- 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.
- Students are responsible for any e-mail they send or that is sent from their authorised accounts and also for any contacts made.
- Anonymous messages and chain letters are not permitted.
- The use of chat rooms is not allowed.
- Peer to peer or file transfers of music, programs (games or other executable's) and unlawful imagery or video downloaded from the internet are not allowed.
- The playing of games on any of the school computer system is strictly 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 school.

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 where it 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.

Staff and students should be aware of the school policy on 'Cyber Bullying'. By following these rules, you are helping to ensure that we can all use the internet and our computers safely in school.