

drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust

Acceptable Use Agreement ***Staff, Trustees and Volunteers***

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1. School Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people today, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity, and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. They also bring opportunities for staff to be more creative and productive in their work. All users should always have an entitlement to safe access to the internet and digital technologies.

2. This acceptable use policy is intended to ensure that:

- staff and volunteers will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal, and recreational use.
- trust/school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- staff are protected from potential risk in their use of technology in their everyday work.

The school will try to ensure that staff and volunteers will have good access to digital technology to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for learning and will, in return, expect staff and volunteers to agree to be responsible users.

3. Acceptable Use Policy Agreement (AUP)

I understand that I must use school 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. I recognise the value of the use of digital technology for enhancing learning and will ensure that learners receive opportunities to gain from the use of digital technology. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of digital technology and embed online safety in my work with young people.

4. For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the school digital technology and communications systems.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of these technologies (e.g., laptops, email, VLE etc.) out of school, and to the transfer of personal data (digital or paper based) out of school (schools should amend this section in the light of their policies which relate to the use of school systems and equipment out of school).
- I understand that the school digital technology systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down by the school. (Schools should amend this section in the light of their policies which relate to the personal use, by staff and volunteers, of school systems)
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, 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 not use my username and password to enable other users (staff/pupils/parents/visitors) to access the schools systems and or the internet.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate, or harmful material or incident, I become aware of, to the appropriate person.

5. I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school systems:

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.

- I will ensure that when I take and/or publish images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the school's policy on the use of digital/video images. I will not use my personal equipment to record these images unless I have permission to do so. Where these images are published (e.g., on the school website/VLE) it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will only use social networking sites in school in accordance with the school's policies. (Schools should amend this section to take account of their policy on access to social networking and similar sites).
- I will only communicate with learners and parents/carers using official school systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner. (Schools should amend this section to take account of their policy on communications with learners and parents/carers. Staff should be made aware of the risks attached to using their personal email addresses/mobile phones/social networking sites for such communications).
- I will not engage in any on-line activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.

6. The school has the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school:

- When I use my mobile devices in school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment. I will also follow any additional rules set by the school about such use. I will ensure that any such devices are protected by up-to-date anti-virus software and are free from viruses. (Schools should amend this section in the light of their policies which relate to the use of staff devices).
- I will not use personal email addresses on the school's IT systems. (Schools should amend this section in the light of their email policy – some schools will choose to allow the use of staff personal email addresses on the premises).
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless the source is known and trusted, 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).
- I will ensure that my data is stored in my OneDrive, or the relevant area in SharePoint.
- I will not try to upload, download, or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, terrorist or extremist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not 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 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 install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless this is allowed in school policies. (Schools should amend this section in the light of their policies on installing programmes/altering settings)
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.
- I will only transport, hold, disclose, or share personal information about myself or others, as outlined in the School Personal Data Policy (or other relevant policy). Where digital personal data is transferred outside the secure local network, it must be encrypted. Paper based documents containing personal data must be held in lockable storage.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or learner data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software; however, this may have happened.

7. When using the online systems in my professional capacity or for school sanctioned personal use:

- I will 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 download or distribute copies (including music and videos).

8. I understand that I am responsible for my actions in and out of the school:

- I understand that this acceptable use policy applies not only to my work and use of school's digital technology equipment in school, but also applies to my use of school systems and equipment off the premises and my use of personal equipment on the premises or in situations related to my employment by the school.
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this acceptable use agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could include (schools should amend this section to provide relevant sanctions as per their behaviour policies) a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors/Trustees and/or the Local Authority and in the event of illegal activities the involvement of the police.

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school digital technology systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Staff/Volunteer Name:

Signed:

Date:

9. Document Owner and Approval

The Manager/Executive (generic/line) is the owner of this document and is responsible for ensuring that this procedure is reviewed in line with the review requirements of the GDPR.

A current version of this document is available on the school website.

This procedure was approved by the Data Protection Officer on 7/12/2022 and is issued on a version-controlled basis under their signature.

Name	Signature	Date
Alvin Walters		7/12/2022

10. Change History Record

Issue	Description of Change	Approval	Date of Issue
1	Initial issue	Alvin Walters	7/12/2022