

I.T. Acceptable Use Policy for Parents

St John's Catholic Comprehensive School



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Parent/Carer Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP)

1. I understand that my child will be provided with internet access and will use a range of IT systems including the internet, our learning platform, intranet and email systems in order to access the curriculum and be prepared for modern life whilst at St John's Catholic Comprehensive school.
2. I understand that the AUP applies to my child's use of school devices and systems on site and at home, and personal use where there are safeguarding and/or behaviour concerns. This may include if online behaviour poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil, could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school, if a pupil is identifiable as a member of the school, or if the behaviour could adversely affect the reputation of the school.
3. I am aware that use of mobile and smart technology, such as mobile phones by children, is not permitted at St John's Catholic Comprehensive school.
4. I understand that any use of school devices and systems are appropriately filtered; this means:
 - a. All onsite devices including mobile devices have a network wide filtering policy applied upon connection. Offsite access is controlled via remote login and multi factor authentication (MFA). These remote systems have filtering policies applied.
 - b. Guest WIFI access has appropriate filtering for untrusted devices applied.
 - c. The filtering systems log and can allow reporting of device names or IDs, IP addresses, and where possible, individual users, the time and date of attempted access and the search term or content being blocked.
5. I am aware that my child's use of school provided devices and systems will be monitored for safety and security reasons, when used on and offsite. This means:
 - a. Pupils will use appropriate search tools, apps and online resources as identified by the school.
 - b. Internet use will be supervised by staff as appropriate to pupils age, ability and potential risk of harm.
 - c. Impero – This system logs and monitors staff and student computer use and automatically flags concerns to the technical team to investigate. Staff are also able to use this system to monitor computer use during lesson time and report safeguarding concerns to the DSL etc.in line with this policy. This system is monitored on a daily basis by the technical team.
6. I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including implementing appropriate monitoring and filtering systems as above, to ensure my child is safe when they use school devices and systems, on and offsite. I do however understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for filtering breaches that occur due to the dynamic nature of materials accessed online, or if my child is using a personal device, including mobile or smart technologies.
 - a. Smart Glasses are not permitted to be used in school by anyone without prior permission from the Headteacher.

- 7. I am aware that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet, both in and out of school.
- 8. I have read and discussed St John’s Catholic Comprehensive school pupil Acceptable Use of Technology Policy (AUP) with my child.
- 9. I will support school safeguarding policies and will ensure that I use appropriate parental controls, will appropriately supervise/monitor my child’s use of the internet outside of school and will discuss online safety with them when they access technology at home.
- 10. I know I can seek support from the school about online safety, such as via the school website <https://www.stjohnscs.com> to help keep my child safe online at home.
- 11. I will support the school approach to online safety. I will role model safe and positive online behaviour for my child by sharing images, text, and video online responsibly.
- 12. I, together with my child, will not deliberately upload or share any content that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the school community, or content that could adversely affect the reputation of the school
- 13. I understand that a partnership approach to online safety is required. If the school has any concerns about either my or my child’s behaviour or safety online, then I will be contacted.
- 14. I understand that if I or my child do not abide by the St John’s Catholic Comprehensive school AUP, appropriate action will be taken. This could include sanctions being applied in line with the school policies and if a criminal offence has been committed, the police being contacted.
- 15. I know that I can speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Kelham), my child’s pastoral manager, head of year or the headteacher if I have any concerns about online safety.

I have read and understood the St John’s Catholic Comprehensive Parents Acceptable Use Policy (AUP):

Parent/Carer’s Name.....

Parent/Carer’s Signature.....

Date.....