



# POCKLINGTON SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## Pupil Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Policy

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## Definitions used in this document

Device – A device is any computer-based system that can access, process, or communicate information. Examples include mobile phones, laptops and tablets.

Camera - A camera is a device that can take or record images or video. The camera may be discrete or part of another device.

School managed system - A school managed system is any hardware, software or service that is managed by Pocklington School Foundation. For example, this includes iSAMS, Office 365 and Firefly.

## Aim of Policy

Information and Communications technology provides many opportunities to enhance teaching and learning, however its use needs to be carefully managed to reduce the risks from misuse. This policy outlines the rules for safe use of technology both in and out of school.

Technology is to be used to support the operation of the Foundation and to facilitate a high quality teaching and learning experience for all.

We are committed to providing a safe and caring environment that is free from any form of disruption to our aims and values. Bullying in all its forms is a clear threat to our stated aims and intentions for the development of children and will not be tolerated. Any kind of bullying or harassment is unacceptable.

Use of any information and communications technology must be consistent with the principles set down in the School rules:

- *mutual consideration, respect, and courtesy among all members of the school community*
- *a sense of responsibility in all pupils*
- *respect by pupils for instructions given by staff*
- *respect for the property of individuals and of the school*
- *support for the effective running of the school*
- *The School's approach to digital device use is motivated by our concern for pupil wellbeing, our desire to create a school environment that promotes a focus on education over distraction and to foster healthy interpersonal skills.*

The school will retain a reasonable interest in and concern about pupils' behaviour at all times and places (including off site), and this includes the pupils' use of Information and Communication Technologies.

The DSL has lead responsibility for online safety.

## Use of Information and Communications Technology

Every member of the Pocklington School Foundation receives a login that allows access to a range of different services including logging in to networked computers and accessing school managed services such as email and file storage. The school encourages responsible use of the internet for educational purposes.

Pupils must respect the privacy of other users and not attempt to access, modify, or copy data or passwords belonging to other users. Users of the network must not attempt to circumvent security or interfere with the proper operation of computers, the network or school managed services.

The school network provides internet access. Pupils are expected to act responsibly and use the internet for school related work only. Pupils should not attempt to access pornographic or other undesirable materials. All internet access is logged. This log will be inspected regularly.

The approach taken and the systems in place to monitor and filter pupil access is reviewed by the DSL in liaison with Deputy Head (Pastoral), Head of Digital Learning, Network Manager and a Prep School Senior Manager. This review occurs annually.

Senior school pupils may bring devices to school and use the wireless connectivity to the school network and internet available in various parts of the campus. Both Prep and Senior boarding pupils may use the internet in boarding houses subject to boarding rules. Whilst on the campus, including boarding houses, usage of these machines is subject to the same regulations as school machines. Authorised staff are entitled to reasonable access to check these machines if they suspect inappropriate or malicious usage (See Appendix 2 for guidance).

### Communications with Parents / Guardians

We feel that it is important to ensure that parents and guardians are aware of the potential issues that could occur from access to the internet. To help keep parents up to date we will communicate to parents each academic year to make them aware of resources relating to internet safety that could promote discussion with their children. In this communication we will also explain that pupil internet access within the Foundation is filtered and give some examples of the kind of activities that pupils will undertake whilst at school or completing homework.

### School Internet Access

When Prep School and Pocklington School 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Form pupils are using the internet during lessons, pupils will be expected to access only those sites instructed by the subject teacher. No other attempt must be made to access any other site for any reason.

For 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils who are using school internet, no attempt must be made to access inappropriate or non-work related sites. Pupils found to be misusing the internet will be reported to their Housemaster/Mistress. Sanctions within the ICT or Rewards and Sanctions Policies may be applied as appropriate.

The expectations of using ICT as outlined in the AUP (accepted by parents and pupils) apply for use of school internet access whether accessed via Wi-Fi or other methods.

### Access via Mobile Data Networks

It is the responsibility of the mobile phone contract holder to ensure that any pupil phone has access to adult content restricted. These restrictions can only be removed by the owner of the contract. Note that the contract owner is legally responsible for the appropriate use of the device.

## General

- The school reserves the right to monitor pupils' use of the internet and device use whilst at school
- The school will monitor the use and content of school-managed systems whether they are accessed from within or out of school
- Devices are the responsibility of the pupils who own them. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss of or damage to any device.
- Pupil's devices are never to be brought into an examination room, even if switched off. Examination Boards will disqualify candidates for breaking this rule.
- In school, no pupil should ever use a camera to video, photograph or record another pupil or member of staff without their permission and the permission of a supervising teacher.
- Making abusive calls or sending abusive messages or images/videos is a criminal offence. The school may therefore take police advice in such situations. Refer to the Anti-Bullying and Procedures to Counteract Cyberbullying Policy.
- Pupils must respect copyright and must not attempt to pass off the work of others as their own.
- Any misuse of Information and Communication Technology is subject to the school's disciplinary sanctions. Pupils and parents are referred to this document and to the school's Rewards and Sanctions policy for guidance. Pupils (including those of 18 years of age and over) will be accountable to school sanctions even if the misconduct occurs outside of school (for example, where the welfare of other pupils or staff is at risk or the aims and values of the school are undermined).
- Sanctions may include confiscation of devices or restrictions on the use of devices or access to the internet.

## Mobile Phones

- Children in the Prep School should only bring a mobile phone into school if they travel by bus or walk to school on their own, and only then with written permission from the Deputy Head.
- If a pupil is feeling ill, they must go to the Medical Centre before phoning home. In the case of the Prep School, pupils who feel ill will already be in the care of a teacher or Matron who will contact parents.
- Pupils in the senior school may use mobile phones on school trips provided they seek approval from the member of staff in charge.
- Boarders are permitted to use mobile phones outside normal school hours but must follow the rules set down for the boarding community.
- See Appendix 3 for full details of mobile phone rules for pupils.

## Social Media Sites

The School allows access to social media informed by advice and guidance given by providers and supporting organisations specialising in online safety.

Access to social media sites is restricted in the school day for all pupils below sixth form.

## Sixth Form Acceptable Use of Social Media

Due to increasing changes in university websites, Sixth Form pupils will be allowed access to Social Media sites during school hours.

The protocols below are to be adhered to by all pupils, both during the day and evening:

- Social Media Sites should only be accessed during free periods or break times and not during lessons.
- Usage should be restricted to research purposes only during school hours (e.g. university or college pages – joining groups).
- No pictures or profile updates should be made during school hours.
- No live chat should take place during school hours.
- No groups should be set up that relate to Pocklington School, its pupils, or staff (unless with the explicit permission of the school).

- Usage will be monitored, and inappropriate use will mean this privilege is removed.

## Senior School BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

- Pupils should bring their device every day and ensure it is fully charged.
- Devices must only be used with the permission of the teacher.
- Devices must not be left unattended. During games and other times when devices will not be used they should be secured in the pupil's locker.
- Devices should be covered by an appropriate insurance policy. The school does not take any responsibility for damage, breakages or faults.
- We recommend that devices are secured with a passcode, password or biometrics. Devices should be labelled with the pupil's name.
- Pupils are expected to act responsibly with regards to their own device, keeping it up to date and as secure as possible. It is their duty to be responsible for the upkeep, backup and protection of their devices.
- We will support pupils to connect their device to the school network and to access relevant services such as school email and Office 365. Training will be provided on the use of applications and services needed within lessons. Other technical support or assistance with repairs will not be provided.
- The school reserves the right to administer sanctions as per the Behaviour policy and the School Rules.
- It is recommended that pupils save all schoolwork to their school OneDrive as this will ensure work is backed up regularly.
- Mock examinations and other summative assessments must be carried out on paper unless a pupil's normal way of working includes using a laptop for reasons of SEND. The Head of Learning Support decides on a pupil's normal way of working.

## Remote Learning Protocols

During school closure or extended periods of absence, remote learning (including the use of video conferencing applications such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom) may be employed to facilitate continuity of education. Pupils and staff are required to follow the guidance and protocols as set down in the Pocklington School Foundation Remote Learning Policy and in the Pocklington School Foundation Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy: Addendum. These policies are available on the Extranet and on the Pocklington School website.

## Sanctions

Pupils who do not follow these rules are likely to have their mobile phones/device confiscated in the first instance (see section on 'Searching Electronic Devices' in the 'Anti-Bullying and Procedures to Counteract Cyberbullying Policy') and parents are likely to be contacted. Ultimately, they can be banned from bringing a mobile phone/device into school.

Where pupils contravene the Acceptable Use Policy (see Appendix 1), this is in turn a contravention of the School Rules and will be sanctioned in line with the appropriate (Prep or Senior School) Behaviour Policy or 'Anti-Bullying and Procedures to Counteract Cyberbullying Policy'.

# Appendix 1: Acceptable Use Policies

## Pocklington School: Pupil Acceptable Use Policy

This policy outlines the terms and conditions on which users are given access to the school network, school managed systems and acceptable use of computer equipment whilst on the school site.

- Every member of Pocklington School receives a login that allows access to a range of different services including logging in to networked computers and accessing school managed systems such as email and file storage. The school encourages responsible use of the internet for educational purposes.
- You must respect the privacy of other users and not attempt to access, modify, or copy data or passwords belonging to other users. You must not attempt to interfere with the proper operation of computers, the network or school managed services.
- The school network provides internet access. You are expected to act responsibly and use the internet for school related work only. You should not attempt to access pornographic or other undesirable materials. All internet access is logged. This log will be inspected regularly.
- You must respect copyright and plagiarism laws and legislation and must not attempt to pass off the work of others as your own. For more information see [www.copyrightservice.co.uk/copyright/uk\\_law\\_summary](http://www.copyrightservice.co.uk/copyright/uk_law_summary)
- Personal devices (e.g. laptops, tablets, mobiles) can be used in lessons with teacher permission. The school is not responsible for malware issues, damage, loss, or theft of personal devices. We recommend regularly backing up and insuring any devices brought into school. Pupils may bring laptops, tablets or other connectable devices to school and use the wireless connectivity to the network/internet available in various parts of the campus. Whilst on the campus, including boarding houses, usage of these devices is subject to the same regulations as set down in the ICT Policy.
- Smart watches are not permitted in school.
- Authorised staff are entitled to reasonable access to check devices if they suspect inappropriate or malicious usage.

### Core Statements

All pupils should be aware of the following principles in the use of ICT at Pocklington School Foundation.

- All users must take responsibility for their own use of technologies, making sure that they use technology safely, responsibly, and legally.
- All users must have knowledge of e-safety education, taking personal responsibility for their awareness of the opportunities and risks posed by the use of technology.
- No device, whether school provided or personally owned, may be used for the bullying or inappropriate use of others in any form.
- All users must report any known misuses of technology, including the unacceptable behaviours of others to an adult/member of staff.
- All users are responsible for protecting their passwords and login details, and should log off the network and/or any other services when leaving devices unattended.
- Pupils must not take, store, request, or share indecent images or messages.

### Social Network Sites

The school does not allow access by any pupil below the Sixth Form to a social network site **whilst under school authority**.

Using Social Network sites out of school - Pupils must not use the names, or make any reference to, Pocklington School or the Foundation in any way in order to buy, sell or trade any materials in any form whatsoever. No groups should be set up that relate to Pocklington School, its pupils, or staff. The legal age for a young person to have a Social Media account is 13 or above.

**Appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken against any user who does not comply with the above, or who uses information technology in the school in any way which is illegal or improper or lacking in consideration for the use of the technology by others.**

## Pocklington Prep School: Pupil Acceptable Use Policy

The school has computers and Internet access to help pupils' learning. All pupils, by accepting a place at Pocklington Prep, are accepting the rules for responsible use of computers and Internet sites, as set out below:

- I will only access the system with my own login and password, which I will keep secret
- I will not access other people's files
- I will only use the computers for schoolwork and homework
- I will not make recordings of any pupils or staff, using my own device or a school's device, without their permission
- I will not bring in memory sticks or other data storage devices from outside school unless I have been given permission
- I will ask permission from a member of staff before using a computer or using the Internet
- I will only e-mail people I know, or my teacher has approved
- The messages I send will be polite, responsible, and necessary
- I will not use the internet inappropriately, nor will I encourage anyone else so to do
- I will not give out my home address or telephone number, or arrange to meet anyone, unless my parent, carer or teacher knows the person and has given permission
- I will report any unpleasant material or messages sent to me. I understand my report would be confidential and would help protect other pupils and myself
- I understand that the school monitors the Internet sites visited, and may check my files
- I understand that these rules apply to every computer or digital device I use as part of my school work, including when completing work while off the school site, and any breach of these rules can result in me losing my access privileges

### Social Network Sites

- I understand that the legal age for a young person to have a Social Media account is 13 or above.
- I will not post any images or videos taken whilst in school (either online or on the premises) online or to any social media sites.
- I will represent Pocklington Prep School in a positive way online.

*By observing these rules, we will be able to enjoy the use of computers in our school and keep everyone safe.*

**I have read and understood the rules for using the computers and internet and I agree to follow them.**

**Pupil Name (print)** .....

**Read and Signed (Pupil)\*** .....

**Date** .....

**I have discussed the above points with my child and understand their responsibilities in the responsible use of computers and Internet sites.**

**Name of Parent/Guardian (print)** .....

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** .....

**Date** .....

\*Pre-Prep Children do not need to sign this, but we ask that a parent goes through this information at an age-appropriate level and signs on their child's behalf.



## Appendix 2: Guidance for Staff

For EYFS guidance please refer to the Child Protection Policy and the EYFS Policy.

### Guidance for Staff on Social Media Searches

If a staff member judges that a pupil's Social Media must be viewed for any reason, this must be done by an authorised member of staff using a school computer, the search must be witnessed by another member of staff and the investigation logged with time and date.

### Guidance to staff upon discovery of inappropriate images of a child or young person on a mobile phone or other device.

Staff should refer to the policy and guidance detailed in "Sexting (Nude Selfies): Guidance for dealing with incidents"<sup>1</sup>

### Statutory Guidance for Dealing with Electronic Devices<sup>2</sup>

- *Where the person conducting the search finds an electronic device that is prohibited by the school rules or that they reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury or damage to property, they may examine any data or files on the device where there is a good reason to do so. They may also delete data or files if they think there is a good reason to do so, unless they are going to give the device to the police. This power applies to all schools and there is no need to have parental consent to search through a young person's mobile phone if it has been seized in a lawful 'without consent' search and is prohibited by the school rules or is reasonably suspected of being, or being likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury or damage to property.*
- *The member of staff must have regard to the following guidance issued by the Secretary of State when determining what is a "good reason" for examining or erasing the contents of an electronic device:*

In determining a "good reason" to examine or erase the data or files the staff member should reasonably suspect that the data or file on the device in question has been, or could be, used to cause harm, to disrupt teaching or break the school rules.

#### Also note:

Teachers should also take account of any additional guidance and procedures on the retention and disposal of items that have been put in place by the school.

<sup>1</sup> Also refer to Guidance from UKCCIS (UK Council for Child Internet Safety) Full guidance from UKCCIS 2017 here

<sup>2</sup> Searching, Screening and Confiscation: Advice for headteachers, school staff and governing bodies (DFE January 2018)

## Appendix 3: Mobile phones and other devices: Rules for pupils

### Prep School

- Pupils are not permitted to bring mobiles or other devices (including gaming devices) into school.
- Pupils who travel by bus or walk to school independently may be granted special permission to carry their mobile in their bag. In this case, parents should apply for written permission from the Prep School Deputy Head outlining the reasons for the request. Where permission is granted, pupils will ONLY be allowed to use their device to make contact with parents and they must NOT use them for any other reason.
- In some exceptional circumstances, such as when children are going between 2 homes during the week, parents of children who do not travel by bus may require their child to bring a mobile phone to school. Parents should apply for written permission from the Deputy Head, stating whether this is a one-off occurrence or long term request.
- Children who have been granted written permission to bring their mobile into school, for the reasons outlined above, will be required to turn their device off and hand it in to the School Office immediately on arrival at school. They should collect their device at 3.45pm on leaving the school building and must NOT use their device whilst on the school grounds.
- Smart watches or watches with a remote listening facility are not permitted in school under the school rules.
- Pupils may use an e-reader in school, providing the device does not have the facility to browse the internet, take photographs or play games.
- Children who do not have written permission to bring their mobile or digital device to school will have their device confiscated, switched off and placed securely in a school safe (in an envelope with the name and form details of the pupil). Parents will be contacted and asked to collect the device.

### 1st to 5th Form

- Pupils are permitted to bring mobiles into school, but they must remain switched off and out of sight between 8.15AM and 3.45PM.
- Only with the explicit permission of the teacher can a phone be used during a lesson. The phone must be switched off before leaving the classroom.
- At 3.45PM, pupils may check their phones for messages or for contacting home. This must be done only in Divisional Areas or outside the main school building. Recreational use is not permitted on the school campus.
- At the discretion of supervising members of staff, mobile phones may be permitted on school trips /travelling to fixtures.
- Smart watches are not permitted in school.

### 6th Form

- Sixth Formers can use mobile phones in the Sixth Form Centre, but NOT around the school site (except under the direction of teachers in lessons).
- Sixth formers may use devices for independent study in the sixth form area and library.

### Library

- The library will be a mobile phone free zone for all pupils at all times (this includes boarders' prep times).

### **Senior School Sanctions (Mobile Phone specific)**

- For a first offence, if a pupil is seen with their phone during the school day it will be confiscated, switched off and placed securely in a school safe (in an envelope with the name and form details of the pupil and the name of the member of staff who has confiscated the item). The relevant Housemaster/mistress will be informed. The pupil will be able to pick up the phone at 3.45pm by asking a member of staff at the staff room.
- For a second offence, the sanction will be as above, but on this occasion the Housemaster will contact parents to advise them that a subsequent failure to adhere to the rules is likely to result in the pupil being sanctioned more seriously.
- For a third offence, a School Detention will be given and parents will be informed. The pupil may be banned from bringing their phone into school for a designated period.