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Computer and Internet Pupil Acceptable Use Policy 2025-2028

Turn your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding (Proverbs 2:2)

Broadwater is a Christian School. We will enable children to become wise, confident, successful learners with the motivation, skills and responsibility to make a positive difference in God's world. Our vision is underpinned by the values we live by.

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22

It is this fruit that, in partnership with parents, we will instil in the children of our school.

Computer and Internet Pupil Acceptable Use Policy

(Including IT devices)

All pupils must follow the rules in this policy when using school computers, the school network and the Internet. Pupils that do not follow these rules may find:

- They are not allowed to use the computers/other devices,
- They can only use the computers other devices if they are more closely watched.

Teachers and Teaching assistants will show children how to use the equipment and access external materials safely and correctly.

Computer (devices) and Internet Rules	
1	I will only use polite language when using the computers.
2	I must not write anything that might upset someone or give the school a bad name.
3	I know that my teacher will regularly check what I have done on the school computers.
4	I know that if my teacher thinks I may have been breaking the rules they will check on how I have used the computers before.
5	I must not tell anyone my name, where I live, or my telephone number over the internet.
6	I must not tell my username and passwords to anyone else but my parents.
7	I must never use other people's usernames and passwords or computers left logged in by them.
8	If I think someone has learned my password then I will tell my teacher.
9	I must log off after I have finished with my computer.
10	I know that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. I must not send unnamed e-mails.
11	I must not use the computers in any way that stops other people using them.
12	I will report any websites that make me feel uncomfortable to my teacher / a member of staff.
13	I will tell my teacher / a member of staff straight away if I am sent any messages that make me feel uncomfortable.
14	I will not try to harm any equipment or the work of another person on a computer.
15	If I find something that I think I should not be able to see, I must tell my teacher straight away and not show it to other pupils.

Unacceptable Use

Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to:

- Using a computer with another person's username and password.
- Using the computer in a way that might upset other people (including creating or sending any messages on the Internet that are not part of the directed learning).
- Looking at, or changing work that belongs to other people.
- Wasting time or resources on school computers.
- Accessing social media without explicit permission from staff.
- Knowingly accessing inappropriate content on the internet.

Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement – for younger pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

This is how we stay safe when we use computers (tablets and other equipment):

- I will ask a teacher or suitable adult if I want to use the computers/tablets
- I will only use activities that a teacher or suitable adult has told or allowed me to use
- I will take care of computers/tablets and other equipment
- I will ask for help from a teacher or suitable adult if I am not sure what to do or if I think I have done something wrong
- I will tell a teacher or suitable adult if I see something that upsets me on the screen
- I know that if I break the rules I might not be allowed to use a computer/tablet

Signed (parent on behalf of the child):

As the children enters KS2 a new acceptable use agreement will be signed by both the parents and the child.

Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement– for older pupils in Key Stage 2

School Policy

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe access to these digital technologies.

This acceptable use agreement is intended to ensure:

- that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the *students/pupils* to agree to be responsible users.

Acceptable Use Agreement

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.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the *school* will monitor my use of the systems, devices and digital communications.
- I will keep my username and password safe and secure – I will not share it, 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 be aware of “stranger danger”, when I am communicating on-line.
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line (this could include names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, age, gender, educational details, financial details etc.)
- If I arrange to meet people off-line that I have communicated with on-line, I will do so in a public place and take an adult with me.
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it on-line.

I understand that everyone has equal rights to use technology as a resource and:

- I understand that the *school* systems and devices are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use them for personal or recreational use unless I have permission.
- 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 use the *school* systems or devices for on-line gaming, on-line gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (e.g. YouTube), unless I have permission of a member of staff to do so.

I will act as I expect others to act toward me:

- I will respect others’ work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user’s files, without the owner’s knowledge and permission.
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, I will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will not take or distribute images of anyone without their permission.

I recognise that the school has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will only use my own personal devices (mobile phones/USB devices etc.) in school if I have permission. I understand that, if I do use my own devices in the *school*, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment.
- I understand the risks and will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others, nor will I 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 immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless I know and trust the person/organisation who sent the email, 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 not install or attempt to install or store programmes of any type on any school device, nor will I try to alter computer settings.
- I will only use social media sites with permission and at the times that are allowed

When using the internet for research or recreation, I recognise that:

- I should 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 try to download copies (including music and videos)
- When I am using the internet to find information, I should take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:

- I understand that the *school/academy* also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, that are covered in this agreement, when I am out of school and where they involve my membership of the school community (examples would be online-bullying, use of images or personal information).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this acceptable use agreement, I may be subject to disciplinary action. This could include loss of access to the school network/internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

Please complete the sections on the next page to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the acceptable use agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems and devices.

Student/Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement Form

This form relates to the *student/pupil* acceptable use agreement; to which it is attached. Please complete the sections below to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the acceptable use agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems.

I have read and understand the above and agree to follow these guidelines when:

- I use the *school* systems and devices (both in and out of school)
- I use my own devices in the *school* (when allowed) e.g. mobile phones, gaming devices USB devices, cameras etc.
- I use my own equipment out of the school in a way that is related to me being a member of this *school* e.g. communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, VLE, website etc.

Name of Pupil:

Class:

Signed:

Date:

Parent/Carer Countersignature