



Technology Acceptable use Agreement for Pupils

St Damian's RC Science College understands the benefits technology can have on enhancing the curriculum and pupils' learning; however, we must ensure that pupils respect school property and use technology appropriately. To achieve this, we have created this acceptable use agreement which outlines our expectations of pupils when using technology, whether this is on personal or school devices and on or off the school premises.

Please read this document carefully and sign below to accept that you agree to the terms outlined.

1. Using technology in school

- I will only use ICT systems, e.g. computers, laptops and tablets, which my class teacher has given me permission to use.
- I will only use the approved email account that has been provided to me by the ICT department.
- I will not store or use any personal data relating to a pupil or staff member for non-school related activities. If I have any queries about storing or using personal data, I will speak to my class teacher.
- I will delete any chain letters, spam, and other emails from unknown senders without opening them.
- I will ensure that I get permission from my class teacher before accessing learning materials, e.g. source documents, from unapproved sources.
- I will only use the internet for personal use during out-of-school hours, including break and lunchtimes. During school hours, I will use the internet for school work only.
- I will not share my passwords, e.g. to my school email account, with anyone.
- I will not install any software onto school ICT systems
- I will only use recommended removable media, e.g. encrypted USB drives, and I will keep all school-related information stored on these secure.
- I will adhere to the online safety guidelines I have been taught.
- I will only use the school's ICT facilities to:
 - Complete homework and coursework.
 - Prepare for lessons and exams.
 - Undertake revision and research.
 - Gather or process information for extracurricular activities, e.g. creating the school newsletter.
- I will not use the school's ICT facilities to access, download, upload, send, receive, view or display any of the following:
 - Illegal material
 - Any content that could constitute a threat, bullying or harassment, or anything negative about other persons or the school
 - Content relating to a person's sexual orientation, gender, religion, race, disability or age
 - Online gambling
 - Content which may adversely affect the reputation of any organisation (including the school) or person, whether or not they are known to be true or false
 - Any sexually explicit content
 - Any personal data or information

2. Mobile devices

- I will use school-owned mobile devices, e.g. laptops and tablets, for educational purposes only.
- I will ensure that my mobile device is either switched off or set to silent mode during school hours, and will only use my device to make or receive calls when my class teacher permits me to do so.
- I will seek permission from my class teacher before a school-owned mobile device is used to take images or recordings.

- I will not use any mobile devices to take pictures of fellow pupils unless I have their consent.
- I will not use any mobile devices to send inappropriate messages, images or recordings.
- I will ensure that personal and school-owned mobile devices do not contain any inappropriate or illegal content.
- I will not access the WiFi system using personal mobile devices, unless permission has been given by my class teacher or the ICT department.
- I will not take or store images or videos of staff members on any mobile device, regardless of whether or not it is school-owned.

3. Social media

- I will not use any school-owned mobile devices to access personal social networking platforms.
- I will not communicate or attempt to communicate with any staff member over personal social networking platforms.
- I will not accept or send 'friend' or 'follow' requests from or to any staff member over personal social networking platforms.
- I will ensure that I apply the necessary privacy settings to any social networking sites.
- I will not publish any comments or posts about the school on any social networking platforms which may affect the school's reputation.
- I will not post or upload any defamatory, objectionable, copyright-infringing or private material, including images and videos of pupils, staff or parents, on any online website.
- I will not post any material online that:
 - Is offensive.
 - Is private or sensitive.
 - Infringes copyright laws.
 - Damages the school's reputation.
 - Is an image or video of any staff member, parent or nonconsenting pupil.

4. Reporting misuse

- I will ensure that I report any misuse or breaches of this agreement by pupils or staff members to the headteacher.
- I understand that my use of the internet will be monitored by the ICT department and recognise the consequences if I breach the terms of this agreement, e.g. having personal devices confiscated.
- I understand that the headteacher may decide to take disciplinary action against me in accordance with the school's Behavioural and Learning Ethos Policy if I breach this agreement.