

NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

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THE RAPHAEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
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Introduction and context

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within school 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 internet access at all times.

This Acceptable Use Policy 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 users at risk.

Raphael Independent School aims to ensure that students have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students to agree to be responsible users.

This policy applies to any device in school. It applies across the whole network and includes Wi-Fi.

Raphael Independent School carries out secure content inspection (SSL inspection). This means that when you access a site that uses techniques to secure the information between the website and yourself, Raphael Independent School can read the information and remove inappropriate content or prevent access to the material. Excluded from this inspection are sites that contain sensitive financial information, including banks and payment systems.

Your activity on the internet is closely monitored by the school, logs are kept of activity, whether on a school device or using your own device through the school Wi-Fi. These logs include who is accessing what material for how long from which device. The school email system is provided for educational and business purposes, where required the school has the ability to access your school email, for safeguarding purposes and should a management requirement necessitate it.

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use The Raphael Independent School ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that Raphael Independent 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 online.

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

- I understand Raphael Independent 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 (unless I have permission) 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 Raphael Independent 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 Raphael Independent School has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of Raphael Independent 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 maybe a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

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

- I understand that Raphael Independent School 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 cyber-bullying, use of images or personal information).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. 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.

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(Please detach this completed page and hand it to your tutor)

This form relates to the student 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 ICT systems.

I / we the undersigned and have read, understand and accept the terms of Raphael Independent School Network Acceptable Use Policy as detailed in the above document as laid out by Raphael Independent School, and agree to use the school ICT 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.

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

- I use Raphael Independent School systems and devices (both in and out of school)
- I use my own devices in Raphael Independent School (when allowed) e.g. mobile phones, gaming devices, USB devices, cameras etc.
- I use my own equipment out of Raphael Independent 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 Student (Print): _____ Tutor Group: _____

Signed by Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Signed by Parent: _____ Date: _____

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