

Felpham Community College

Student – Acceptable Usage Policy

Networked resources, including Internet access, are potentially available to all students within the college. All users are required to follow the conditions laid down in this policy. Any breach of these conditions may lead to withdrawal of the user's access; monitoring and or retrospective investigation of the users use of services, and in some instances could lead to criminal prosecution. Any breach of the conditions will also be considered a disciplinary matter.

The college networked resources are intended for educational purposes, and may only be used for legal activities consistent with the rules of the college. Any expression of a personal view about the college or County Council matters in any electronic form of communication must be endorsed to that effect. Any use of the network that would bring the name of the college or County Council into disrepute is not allowed.

The college expects that all students will use new technologies as appropriate within the curriculum and that staff will provide guidance and instruction to students in the use of such resources. Use of the network, Internet, Intranet or the college's VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) will only be permitted upon receipt of a signed permission and agreement form.

All computer systems are regularly monitored to ensure that they are being used in a responsible fashion.

CONDITIONS OF USE

Personal Responsibility

Access to the networked resources is a privilege, not a right. Users are responsible for their behaviour and communications. Students will be expected to use the resources for the purposes for which they are made available. Users are to take due care with the physical security of hardware they are using. Users will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to the Network Manager.

Acceptable Use

Users are expected to utilise the network system in a responsible manner. It is not possible to set hard and fast rules about what is and what is not acceptable but the following list provides some guidelines on the matter.

NETWORK ETIQUETTE AND PRIVACY

Students are expected to abide by the rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Be polite – never send or encourage others to send abusive messages.
2. Use appropriate language – students should remember that they are representatives of the college on a global public system. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
3. Do not use language that could be calculated to incite hatred against any ethnic, religious or other minority group.
4. Privacy – do not reveal any personal information (eg home address, telephone number) about yourself or other users. Do not trespass into other users' files or folders.
5. Password – do not reveal your password to anyone. If you think someone has learned your password then contact your teacher or the ICT Department.
6. Electronic mail – is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the County Council or police. Do not send anonymous messages.
7. Disruptions – do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.
8. Students will not be allowed access to unsupervised and/or unauthorised chat rooms and should not attempt to gain access to them.
9. Students finding unsuitable websites through the school network should report the web address to the ICT Department.
10. Do not introduce floppy disks or "pen drives" into the network without having checked for viruses.
11. Do not attempt to visit websites that might be considered inappropriate. (Such sites would include those relating to illegal activity). All sites visited leave evidence in the county network if not on the computer. Downloading some material is illegal and the police or other authorities may be called to investigate such use.
12. Unapproved system utilities and executable files will not be allowed in students' work areas or attached to e-mail.
13. Files held on the school's network will be regularly checked by the Network Manager and should not be deemed as private.
14. It is the responsibility of the User (where appropriate) to take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the conditions set out in this Policy document, and to ensure that unacceptable use of the network does not occur.
15. Students must login with their own user ID and password, where applicable, and must not share this information with other users. They must also log off after their session has finished.

UNACCEPTABLE USE

Examples of unacceptable use include but are not limited to the following:

- Students under no circumstances are allowed to use another student's workspace even if that student gives verbal or written permission.
- Students finding workstations or laptops logged on under other users should log off the machine whether they intend to use it or not.
- Accessing or creating, transmitting, displaying or publishing any material (eg images, sounds or data) that is likely to cause offence, inconvenience or needless anxiety. (The County Council have filters in place to block e-mails containing language that is or may be deemed to be offensive).
- Accessing or creating, transmitting or publishing any defamatory material.
- Receiving, sending or publishing material that violates copyright law. This includes through Video Conferencing and Web Broadcasting.
- Receiving, sending or publishing material that violates Data Protection Act or breaching the security this act requires for personal data. Transmitting unsolicited material to other users (including those on other networks).
- Unauthorised access to data and resources on the college network system or other systems.
- User action that would cause corruption or destruction of other users' data, or violate the privacy of other users, or intentionally waste time or resources on the network or elsewhere.

Additional guidelines

- Users must comply with the acceptable use policy of any other networks that they access.
- Users must not download software without approval from the Network Manager.

SERVICES

There will be no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the network service offered by the college. The college will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on the system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the network or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the network is at your own risk.

NETWORK SECURITY

Students are expected to inform the Network Manager immediately if a security problem is identified. Do not demonstrate this problem to other users. Students must login with their own user ID and password, where applicable, and must not share this information with other users. Students identified as a security risk will be denied access to the network.

PHYSICAL SECURITY

All users are expected to ensure that portable ICT equipment such as laptops, digital still and video cameras are securely locked away or returned to the ICT department when they are not being used. Items that need to be left over breaks and lunchtimes for example will need to be physically protected by locks and or alarms.

WILFUL DAMAGE

Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy any equipment or data of another user or network connected to the college network will result in loss of access, disciplinary actions and, if appropriate, legal referral. This includes the creation or uploading of computer viruses. The use of software from unauthorised sources is prohibited. Felpham Community College reserves the right to request re-imbusement by Parents/Guardians in extreme cases.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

Named images of students (eg photographs, videos, web broadcasting, blogs, TV presentations, web pages etc) will not be published under any circumstances. Written permission from parents or guardians will be obtained before photographs of students are published on the college web site.

Students' work will only be published (eg photographs, videos, TV presentations, web pages etc) if parental consent has been given.

The college uses digital video as a medium to enhance teaching and learning; this material is only to be used for educational purposes. Names of students will never be published. If parental consent has not been given every effort will be made to remove instances in which such students are shown. If large groups are being filmed this may prove impractical.

Permission Form

Please complete this form and return to your child's form tutor.

Students Name.....Tutor Group.....

Network Logon Name (if known).....

As the parent or legal guardian of the student named above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to use electronic mail (Email) and the Internet. I have read and understood the Acceptable Usage Policy included with this form.

I understand that students will be accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring electronic information and media.

I give permission for my son or daughter's work to be published on the college's Website, Intranet or VLE which is controlled by the college. I understand that named images of students' will never be published.

I also give permission for my son or daughter to be digitally filmed or photographed; such material will only be used for educational purposes with the intention of improving learning and teaching. I understand that any written accompanying material will never contain the names of students unless specific written consent has been obtained.

I understand that the college has no control over external sources that may use such material.

As the student user of the college network, I agree to comply with the rules on its use. I will use the network and associated applications in a responsible way. I have read and understood the Acceptable Usage Policy and will adhere to the policies as laid out.

Parent Signature.....Date.....

Student Signature.....

Please add any amendments below, the college will do it's up most to respect your requests.