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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ONLINE AT HOME AND DURING ACCESS TO LOANED DEVICES

This document outlines acceptable use for children and young people online at home and during access to loaned devices, including actions to prevent Cyber Bullying.

It must be read **alongside** the following documents:

- Parent Code of Conduct
- Remote Learning Policy
- Device Loan Agreement

These can be accessed via the website. Alternatively, ask the school office for a paper copy.

*It is expected that all parents of children on role within the **Goldsbrough Sicklinghall Federation** automatically agree to follow the guidelines below as part of the expected Code of Conduct.*

1. Users must not cause any damage to the hardware or software and must not violate the security of the system, including amending or deleting the standard software provisioned on the device.
2. Accessing, transmitting, downloading or viewing any materials which contravene the law is strictly forbidden. This condition includes, but is not limited to, material which is deemed to be extremist, threatening, obscene or libelous.
3. Any individual whose actions contravene this Acceptable Use Policy may be barred from further use of the device loan service from the **Goldsbrough Sicklinghall Federation**. Where the contravention amounts to criminal and/or anti-social behaviours, the Police will be notified.
4. The **Goldsbrough Sicklinghall Federation** is providing the device to improve the range and quantity of information which is available to children and young people. A website filtering system is in operation and logs kept of web sites visited on any session. **Your own Wi-Fi-filters must also be in place.** We reserve the right to check on usage to ensure that this Policy is adhered to. Our filter providers filter sites that fall into the following categories:
 - Adult/sexually explicit, Criminal skills, Hacking, Illegal drugs, Intolerance and hate, Proxies and Peer-to-Peer, Spyware, Violence, and Weapons.

If you're worried that a child or young person is accessing harmful content on any device, visit this web page to access support and advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#communicating-with-parents-carers-and-pupils>

If a child is worried or needs support, they can call Childline (0800 1111), download their 'For Me' app or visit the website: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

5. **Service users should be aware that:**

- Publication of personal or private details over the internet may lead to the receiving of unwanted attention.
- Publication of information about other people must not be offensive and must comply with the GDPR & Data Protection Act. **You must always get the consent of the person who is the subject of the information – this includes distribution of images of a person.**

6. Information may only be downloaded from and uploaded to the internet within copyright restrictions.

7. This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it remains timely and relevant. The Council / the **Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation** reserves the right to change this policy at any time without notice.

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS ON ANY DEVICE TO PREVENT CYBER BULLYING.

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Cyber bullying Defined:

Cyber bullying can be defined as the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), particularly mobile phones and the internet, deliberately to upset someone else. It can be an extension of face-to-face bullying, with technology providing the bully with another route to harass their target. However, it differs in several significant ways from other kinds of bullying: the invasion of home and personal space; the difficulty in controlling electronically circulated messages; the size of the audience; perceived anonymity; and even the profile of the person doing the bullying and their target.

Aims:

1. To ensure that pupils, staff and parents understand what cyber bullying is and how it can be combated.
2. To ensure that practices and procedures are agreed to prevent incidents of cyber bullying.
3. To ensure that reported incidents of cyber bullying are dealt with effectively and quickly.

Understanding Cyber bullying:

- Cyber bullying is the use of ICT (usually a mobile phone and or the Internet) to abuse another person.
- It can take place anywhere and involve many people.
- Anybody can be targeted including pupils and staff.
- It can include threats, intimidation, harassment, cyber-stalking, vilification, defamation, exclusion, peer rejection, impersonation, unauthorised publication of private information or images etc.

Procedures to Prevent Cyber bullying:

- Staff, pupils, parents and governors to be made aware of issues surrounding cyber bullying.
- Pupils and parents will be urged to report all incidents of cyber bullying and / or unacceptable use of online resources / social media to the **Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation**
- Staff CPD will assist in learning about current technologies.
- Pupils will learn about cyber bullying through PSHE, assemblies, Anti-bullying Week activities and other curriculum projects.
- Parents will be provided with information and advice on how to combat cyber bullying where necessary / available
- Parents will be expected to support the implementation of the Acceptable Use of ICT policy as part of their Code of Conduct and to discuss its meaning / inappropriate use with their children.
- All reports of cyber bullying will be investigated, recorded, stored in the Headteacher's office and monitored regularly.
- The Local Authority can provide support and assistance in dealing with incidents of cyber bullying and can be contacted by staff and parents.

The police will be contacted in cases of actual or suspected illegal content.

DISCLAIMERS

1. NYCC / the **Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation** has no control over the content of Internet sites. We cannot take responsibility for the content, and although filtering takes place, material which some people may find offensive could be accessed, even accidentally.
2. The speed and success of customers' internet connectivity cannot be guaranteed.
3. Please note that not all web sites provide accurate, current or complete information. Service users must exercise their own judgement.
4. Virus checking software is installed on the devices, but protection cannot be guaranteed and home virus checking software must also be in place.
5. Where commercial transactions have taken place using the device the Council / **Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation** cannot be held liable for any losses which may result or for the security of any personal data which customers may choose to divulge during such transactions.
6. The Council / **Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation** cannot be held responsible for any loss of data, damage or liability which may occur from the use of a loan device.
7. By provision of this Service, the Council / **Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation** do not provide expert or professional advice of any kind and expressly disclaims any liability to any person arising directly or indirectly from the use of the Service or anything done or omitted in reliance on the Service or any information contained on it. If you require expert or professional advice or assistance, you should seek the services of a competent expert or professional person.
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