

Online safety Acceptable User Policy – Student, Parent/Carer

The use of technology has an important role in the learning and teaching process. At All Saints Catholic High School we acknowledge that using the internet and other technologies have great benefits and that it is important to balance those benefits with an awareness of the potential risks. The school is committed to safeguarding and the well-being of our students.

We expect that all students;

- will take responsibility for learning about the benefits and risks of using the Internet and other technologies in school and at home
- will take responsibility for their own and each others' safe and responsible use of technology in school and at home, including judging the risks posed by the personal technology owned and used outside of school
- will ensure they respect the feelings, rights, values and intellectual property of other students use of technology in school and at home
- will understand that if they send emails, text messages or use social network sites to bully, intimidate or spread gossip about other students and staff then the student could be excluded
- should understand what action they should take if they feel worried, uncomfortable, and vulnerable or at risk whilst using technology in school and at home, or if they know of someone to whom this is happening
- will discuss Online Safety issues with family and friends in an open and honest way
- will understand that their files, communications and Internet activity will be monitored and checked at all times.
- will know that the **uploading or posting of information, images or videos relating to staff or students onto any social network sites is strictly prohibited. Students must not send messages, or create content, that could bring the school into disrepute.**

The decision to exclude a student will be taken in the following circumstances. The highlighted extract is taken from the All Saints Catholic High School Exclusion Policy which states:

- ***The use of electronic technology to record, without permission of a member of staff, images of buildings, students or staff at All Saints Catholic High School.***
- ***Uploading to the internet images or written content concerning All Saints Catholic High School without the permission of a member of the School's Leadership team.***
- ***Sustained acts of bullying, including 'cyber' bullying***