



Acceptable Internet Use Policy (Student)

All students at Bede Academy use the internet to access information and develop their skills. The Internet is a worldwide network with open access to millions of users and contributors from outside the academy community. While it is an invaluable source of information for students and staff to use at the academy, we are aware that its openness means we cannot control all the material that can be accessed. As a control measure, the academy has invested in software which monitors browsing and filters unacceptable material. We recognise too, that there are times when the internet is used by students for academy work, when outside of the academy. This is particularly the case for homework tasks and for periods of enforced school closure, where students will be required to work from home, using online platforms,

We want our students to learn about and practice the responsible use of the information. We expect students, staff and parents to co-operate in supporting and encouraging this type of behaviour. When you access the academy network then you are assenting to the principles outlined below:

- You must not use any inappropriate or abusive language
- You must not present any racist or sexist behaviour
- You must not engage in any illegal activities (for example, gaining unauthorised access to other accounts)
- You must not reveal personal information (addresses, telephone numbers) regarding yourself or others
- Your e-mail is not private and the academy reserves the right to monitor all personal electronic communications made across its' network
- The academy reserves the right to monitor and remove any information held within its' network without notice. You are responsible for the security and backup of your data on the network.
- You should only use the network facilities for work associated with the business of the academy.
- You must not install or downloading any software onto the network
- You must maintain courteous and appropriate communication, using the general rule that communication in online classrooms must match the standards of expectations for physical classrooms.

I have read and understand the Responsible Use Agreement and agree to abide by its principles. I acknowledge that a failure to abide by these guidelines will result in my access being withdrawn and any further appropriate disciplinary measures (including, if appropriate, legal proceedings).

As the parents of this student I understand the Responsible Use Agreement and agree that my child will be responsible for ensuring that they only use the internet for agreed educational purposes. We give permission for their access of the internet in accordance with the information presented.

Please indicate that both you and your child agree to the terms of the above policy on the Parental Consent section of My Child at School.