



Leytonstone School - Responsible Use of the Internet

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Online safety in school:

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of their ICT skills, Leytonstone School provides supervised access to the internet. As a school and in partnership with the local authority we rigorously monitor internet use and access to undesirable material.

Our school internet provider operates a filtering system (Impero) that restricts access to inappropriate materials. Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are in place, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed online arising from your child's inappropriate use of the internet facilities.

Parents, carers and pupils must know:

- Online access must only be made via the authorised account and password. They must not be shared.
- School computers and internet use must be used for educational purposes.
- Copyright and plagiarism laws must be respected.
- Students are responsible for emails they send and for contacts they make.
- The use of the internet to access inappropriate images or content of the following nature is forbidden: extremist, sexist, racist, homophobic, malicious, fraudulent, libellous and offensive.
- The school's ICT systems may not be used for private purposes.
- The school has the right to save or delete any content that is on the system.
- The school retains the right to monitor the use of students' internet access, and the right to intervene on any emails or access that it believes to be inappropriate.
- Any activity which threatens or corrupts the integrity of the school ICT systems is forbidden.
- Social networking and chat rooms are forbidden and access is blocked on the school ICT system.

Online Safety at home

Children and young people often use electronic equipment including mobile phones, tablets and computers on a daily basis to access the internet and share content and images via social networking sites such as Twitter, Tumblr, Snapchat and Instagram.

Unfortunately, some adults and young people often use these technologies to harm children and the use of technology has become a significant component of many safeguarding issues including child sexual exploitation, bullying, discrimination, radicalisation and sexual predation.

The breadth of issues within online safety is wide, but can be categorised into three areas of risk:

Content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material such as: pornography, racist or radical and extremist views

Contact: being subjected to harmful interaction, e.g. commercial advertising or adults posing as children

Conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes harm, such as making, sending and receiving explicit images, or online bullying.

Cyberbullying is treated as seriously as any other type of bullying and will be managed through our anti-bullying procedures. Serious incidents are managed in line with our Safeguarding Policy.

To manage these risks, the school does not allow pupils to use mobile phones on school premises.

Parental agreement:

Access to social media applications such as Snapchat or Instagram and the child's conduct on these platforms are considered parental responsibility.

I will remain vigilant and monitor my child's use of these platforms regularly in care of my child's welfare and their digital footprint.

I will discuss the agreement below with my child, sign it and ask my child to sign it.

Young person's agreement:

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet, including social media platforms, games and apps. This includes the resources I access and the language I use.
- I will not deliberately browse, download or upload material that could be seen as offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material, I will report it immediately to my family/my Form Tutor, Head of Year or the Safeguarding Team.
- I will not send/post threatening, bullying, discriminatory, offensive, sexual or illegal content.
- I understand that the phone I use belongs to my parent/carer and will allow them to monitor its content when requested.
- I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number or address.
- I will not reveal my passwords to anyone.
- I will not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone I meet online unless I have discussed this with adults at home.
- If I am concerned or upset about anything I see on the internet or any messages that I receive, I know I can talk to adults at home or the pastoral team in school.
- I understand that my internet use will be monitored at home and in school and that these rules are designed to keep me and others safe.

We have read and understood the conditions of the Leytonstone School – Responsible Use of the Internet agreement and agree to uphold the responsibilities outlined for us:

Signed by Student: _____

Signed by adult with Parental Responsibility: _____

Signed by Staff representative: _____

Date: _____