Clifton

Community School

POLICIES

2021-22

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Clifton Community School has the same expectations of appropriate behavior from users on the school computer network as in a classroom or around the school in general. Communications on the network are often public in nature, and can be accessed by third parties.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During lessons, Teachers and Support Staff will be available to guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of lesson time users bear the same responsibility for their conduct as they exercise with information sources such as television, video, telephones, radio and other potentially offensive media. The network is provided for users to conduct research and communicate with others to enhance and extend their education. Access to network services is given to users who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Clifton Community School reserves the right to vary the terms of this policy at any time without prior notice.

Clifton Community School ICT Systems are always monitored and unacceptable usage will automatically alert the ICT / Media Team and Teaching Staff of violations. Regular checks will be carried out on network drives for inappropriate content.

Violating this policy may result in loss of access as well as disciplinary or potential legal action. Clifton Community School reserves the right to post home to Parents/Guardians detailed printouts of inappropriate use; this will include screen prints of any violations. The list below is not definitive but general scenarios, the following are NOT permitted:

· Attempting to circumvent network security / attempting to access banned websites.
· Sending or displaying offensive or potentially offensive messages or pictures.
· Using games websites or playing on-line games.
· Using obscene, rude or potentially offensive language.
· Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
· Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks.
· Violating copyright laws and intentionally wasting limited resources.
· Using a user identity and / or password not issued to you.
· Trespassing in another user's folder, work or files.
· Accessing radical political websites or promoting radical views.

Users should be aware E-mails are classed as written communication and are therefore subjected to the UK legislation regarding communications; these include copyright, fraudulent misrepresentation, wrongful discrimination and obscenity.

If you receive/see any content on the IT/E-mail Systems that are offensive, threatening, obscene or make you feel uncomfortable you must inform the ICT/Media Team immediately.

All users using the facilities provided are deemed to have read and accepted this policy and agree to abide by the terms of it. Users are reminded that access is a privilege – not a right and brings with it responsibilities. The attention of all users is drawn to the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

In regards to the whole school curriculum - E-safety will be delivered through a combination of PSHE and ICT lessons (predominantly KS3). Please see Curriculum topics here.

We aim to ensure all pupils leave Clifton able to identify dangers of being online and the appropriate ways to conduct themselves online and deal with different online scenarios effectively. In order to do this we have dedicated time in FTT and assembly throughout the week that encompasses internet safety day.

Should parent's wish to contact school to with regards to an E-safety issues they may contact the E-safety Co-ordinator (Joanne Hewitt) or speak with a trusted member of staff who can refer to the relevant members of staff (HOY, SPM, Head Teacher, E-safety Co-ordinator).