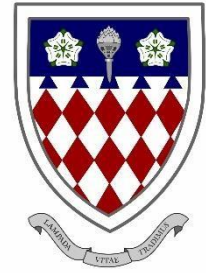


Spalding High School



Acceptable Use Agreement for Students

Introduction

Please read this “Acceptable Use” document carefully. It is designed to explain the use of Computer Networks within Spalding High School and the responsibilities that you as a student are required to observe, in its use. This Acceptable Use Agreement is underpinned and supported by both the School’s Behaviour For Learning Policy and Personal Electronic Devices and Mobile Phone Policy. Students and Parents should read both policies in full on the school website.

Scope

The following rules and procedures have been formulated to ensure a clear understanding of the responsibilities in the use of the school computer system, e-mail and Internet facilities and applies to **all** students.

It applies to all computer software and hardware provided by the School including Personal Computers, Laptops, Wireless & Broadband connections, Servers and any other equipment that may be provided for use and for Special Educational Needs and disabilities.

In reference to the School’s Personal Electronic Devices (PED), Mobile Phone and Social Media Policy; No PED is to be charged in school. With the exception of Sixth Form students and the Performing Arts Block, no PED (including mobile phones) are to be connected to the school system, Wi-Fi or Internet. An exception has been made for Sixth Form students in recognition of their growing maturity and to facilitate independent study. As such, Sixth Form students may connect a PED, including mobile phone to the School Wi-Fi in the Sixth Form area comprising the Sixth Form Common Room and Sixth Form Study Room. Sixth Form students are role models for younger students and we are counting on their cooperation with using systems appropriately. All students should remember that they have signed an Acceptable Use Policy which specifies the use of technology and school systems.

Generative AI Student Code of Conduct

Generative AI (GenAI) is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) that creates new content, such as text, images, videos and music, based on large amounts of existing information. At Spalding High School, we want you to be able to use AI as a helpful tool for your learning; however, you must also be aware of the risks of using AI, and the rules you must follow to be a responsible and safe AI user.

Risks and Rules

- **AI Content Can Be Wrong:** AI might give you incorrect information. Always double-check what it produces and make sure your work is accurate. You are responsible for what you submit. As Ollie Bray, Strategic Director of Education Scotland warns, “AI doesn’t just lie, but it lies in an incredibly enthusiastic, convincing way.”
- **AI Can Be Biased:** AI can reflect unfair views, often focusing on Western ideas and missing other perspectives. Be critical of what AI says, especially on sensitive topics, and check it with other reliable sources.
- **AI Can Trick or Offend People:** AI can create fake content, like deepfakes or misleading stories, or pretend to be someone else. Never use AI to create harmful content or impersonate others. If you are seeing something inappropriate, report it like you would online.

- **AI Can Store Personal Info:** AI might store details like your name, age, or photos. If the tool gets hacked, your information could be exposed. Never share personal information with AI. If you're unsure, don't submit it.
- **Check Age Restrictions:** Different AI tools have age limits. Make sure you're old enough and have permission from an adult before using them. For example, you need to be at least 13 years old to use ChatGPT, but if you're under 18, you still need parental permission.
- **AI Should Help, Not Replace Your Work:** Always explain how you used AI and what you asked it to do. Misusing AI includes copying or paraphrasing AI content without credit, or using AI to complete your work when you're told not to.
- **Don't Overuse AI:** Relying too much on AI can stop you from thinking for yourself. Research shows it can affect your ability to think critically and reduce learning opportunities. Make sure you're still doing the work yourself.

Email and Internet

- The email and Internet system is provided for education purposes only and should not be used for personal use, gain or reward.
- Sending messages of an abusive, offensive, harassing, racist, discriminatory or obscene nature is not permitted and will result in disciplinary action which may include withdrawal of access rights. Should the School receive evidence that any comment, image or recording judged by us to be inflammatory, threatening, malicious or offensive about a named student, member of staff or the school itself be placed in the public domain, then action will be taken. This action may include a formal report or complaint to the police.
- Access to the Internet is restricted and filtered on content and is available for suitable educational requirements. Accessing or attempting to access, downloading and/or uploading abusive, offensive, obscene or illegal material is strictly forbidden and students must follow guidelines from teachers in lessons where access to online digital resources (e.g. webpages and YouTube content) are being used to enhance teaching and learning.
- It is important that care should be taken when downloading material from the Internet that copyright notices and license implications are observed.

Printing

- At Spalding High School, the use of printers is reserved solely for educational purposes and school-related activities. Personal printing is strictly prohibited unless express permission is granted by a member of the school staff. Violations of this rule may result in disciplinary action. Even where printing is for educational purposes and school-related activities, pupils should consider the necessity of printing material in accordance with responsible environmental awareness and are encouraged to save files and materials to the school network or their school OneDrive account.

Cyberbullying

- Cyberbullying is the sending or posting of harmful or cruel text messages and/or images, using the Internet or other digital communication devices.
- Spalding High School does not tolerate bullying in any form. Any student found to be involved in incidents of cyberbullying will be dealt with firmly.
- The School Behaviour Policy and Personal Electronic Devices, Mobile Phone and Social Media Policy sets out clearly the procedures and sanctions available to staff to deal with incidents of cyberbullying.

Monitoring

- The School maintains security and anti-virus software that monitors and records details of all network activity in which individuals transmit or receive files and data.
- To ensure that the rules and procedures are being followed, both email and Internet use will be monitored on a regular basis. This will include the access of Internet sites, email sent or received through school servers and via Microsoft 365 Applications.

Security and Confidentiality

- Every user will be issued with a unique user name and password; this must be **kept confidential**, not written down or given to others. The password should be changed on a regular basis in accordance with the system default password expiry period.
- Each user will have their own area on the network for the storage of data files, coursework and email. The IT Manager and associated staff will at times randomly inspect data stored on the school networks and Microsoft 365 Cloud Storage, to check appropriate content of such data.
- Computers should never be left unattended and after use, all users should log off/sign out from the network.
- For personal safety, any form of electronic communication should have no references to personal information such as student home addresses, telephone numbers etc.
- It is the responsibility of all students to protect the security and confidentiality of the school networks. Students must not try to deliberately access the online files and folders of their peers, teachers or others.
- Any Wi-Fi access codes provided to Students must not be divulged to others.

Failure to abide by this policy on acceptable use will result in disciplinary action, which may include withdrawal of access rights. In serious cases it may result in legal action.

You are now requested to sign your acceptance of this policy and agreement document. This has been provided in the form of a separate page accompanying this document, such that the student can **keep the actual policy for reference** and the signed portion can be filed with student records for future use. A summary of this policy can also be found in the school planner.