

The Compton School Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy For Students

All students having access to the networks must sign a copy of this Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy and return it to the School Office.

The computer network is owned by the school and is made available to students to further their education. The school's Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy has been drawn up to protect everyone and failure to comply with this policy will result in you not being able to use school computers or more serious sanctions in accordance with the IT Sanctions Triangle

Accessing the school network

- Students must only access the network and Internet via their authorised account and password. Students must not make this information available to any other person.
- Students are only allowed to use the network computers when a member of staff is present.
- Students must only access Firefly via their authorised account and password. Students must not make this information available to any other person.
- Sixth Form students should only access the school wi-fi using the Compton BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) network

Use of IT equipment

- Users may not install, or attempt to install, their own software; nor may they delete or attempt to delete system software or alter another user's files.
- Students must not perform a function with the intent to gain unauthorised access to any programs, files or data held on the computer.
- Activity which threatens the integrity of the school IT systems ('hacking'), or activity which attacks or corrupts other systems, is forbidden.
- Users must not attempt to repair or rearrange the hardware and any such issues should be referred to the IT Network manager.
- The cost of replacement or repair for any damage caused through neglectful or irresponsible behaviour or acts of vandalism or will be charged to the individual concerned.

Use of IT for learning

- Students should not give out any personal information such as name, phone number or address to strangers
- All PC and Internet activity must be appropriate to the student's education.
- Students must not copy, interfere or delete other student's work.

Prohibited uses of IT equipment

- The use of chat rooms and social networking sites is not allowed.
- Students may not download music files to the school network and the sharing of music files is strictly forbidden.
- Use of the network to access inappropriate materials such as pornographic, racist or offensive material are forbidden and appropriate action will be taken.
- Students must not use proxy websites to gain access to banned web material.

- Use of the school's network for financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is forbidden.
- Copyright and intellectual property rights must be respected.
- Permission must be asked of if you are taking a photograph or recording an image of someone on school premises (whether teacher, student, volunteer, visitor etc.) and the image may only be used for educational reasons.
- The school reserves the right to examine and / or delete any files that may be held on its computer network and / or to monitor any Internet sites visited or e-mails sent or received.
- Students must report any accidental access to, or receipt of inappropriate materials, or filtering breach to the IT Network Manager .

All school networks, internet and wi-fi are monitored and we reserve the right to examine any area of these systems.

The use of computer systems without permission or for inappropriate purposes could be a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990

(The Computer Misuse Act 1990 makes it a criminal offence to "cause a computer to perform any function with intent to secure unauthorised access to any program or data held in any computer". Sending malicious or threatening e-mails and other messages is a criminal offence under the Protection from Harassment Act (1997), the Malicious Communications Act (1988) and Section 43 of the Telecommunications Act (1984).)

I have read and agree to the above 'Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy For Students'. I understand that my access to the network may be restricted or denied if I knowingly contravene any of these conditions.

Student Print Full NameSigned.....Date.....

Parent Print Full Name.....Signed.....Date.....