



Redland High School for Girls

INTERNET ACCESS RULES

As part of the School's ICT programme, pupils have access to the Internet and email. The School's Computer Suite and expansion of the School network has enabled a large number of computers to connect to the Internet and so we have decided to make clear rules that apply to its use.

Access to the Internet will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards throughout the world. The School is ensuring that an Internet Service Provider that offers a filtering service designed for education provides the availability of web sites. This aids, but does not guarantee, the prevention of access to potentially offensive material on the Internet.

We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources exceed any disadvantages. In that vein we would like your support in setting and conveying the standards that the girls should follow when using media and information sources.

We would be grateful if you could read and discuss with your daughter, the following information and then complete the slip below and return it to her Form Tutor.

Rules for Internet and School Email Use

Girls are responsible for good behaviour on the Internet and when using email just as they are in a classroom or school corridor. General school rules apply. The Internet and email is provided for pupils to conduct research and communicate with others for educational purposes primarily. Access is a privilege.

Individual users are responsible for their behaviour and communications when using computers. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honour the agreement they have signed.

Users should be aware that files, email and all web sites visited are recorded and monitored and should not be considered private. During lessons and where feasible, teachers will guide pupils toward appropriate materials. Outside these times, families bear this responsibility in the same way as other information sources.

In addition to obvious unacceptable behaviour, attempts to download software, use web based email or access chat-lines or other unsuitable areas may result in the removal of the girl's Internet and email access privilege. Attempts to visit inappropriate sites will be notified to the Director of ICT, Head of Year and Headmistress.

When issued with a password, girls must ensure that it remains known only to them as it will identify all work completed on the network under the associated username.

To: Form Tutor

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Pupil's Name: Form:

Pupil

As a School user of ICT, I agree to comply with the Internet and email School rules. I will use the Internet in a responsible way and observe all current and future restrictions that apply.

Pupil's Signature: Date:

Parent

As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil signing above I understand that my daughter will be held accountable for her actions when using the Internet. I accept responsibility for working with the School to set standards for my daughter to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Parent's Signature: Date:

PC use Paragraph for School Regulations

As part of the School's ICT Programme, pupils have access to PCs and the Internet. Girls are responsible for good behaviour when using these resources and general school rules apply. The Internet is provided for pupils to conduct research and individual users are responsible for their behaviour and communications over the network. Computer storage areas in School will be randomly reviewed to ensure the system is being used responsibly. Users should not expect that files or emails stored on servers or disks would always be private. During lessons and where feasible, teachers will guide pupils toward appropriate materials. Outside these times, pupils bear this responsibility in the same way as other information resources. In addition to obvious unacceptable behaviour, attempts to download software, use unauthorised web based email or access chat-lines or other unsuitable areas, may result in the removal of the girl's independent network access privilege, or the girl's independent Internet access privilege. This will in turn affect access to any coursework stored on the School's network. When issued with a password, girls must ensure that it remains known only to them, as it will identify all work completed by them on the network.

OR

As a School user of ICT pupils will be required to sign an agreement to comply with the School rules on its use. As the parent or legal guardian please ensure that your daughter understands that she will be held accountable for her actions when using the School's ICT resources including Internet access. Parents must accept responsibility for working with the School to set standards for the girls to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

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