

## **SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK /ENGINE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Pupils are responsible for good behaviour on the School Computer Network/Engine and the Internet, just as they are in any other part of School. General School rules apply.

- The Internet is primarily provided for you to conduct research and to communicate with others on school related topics. To this end, if you use the Internet during school hours, 8.35am to 3.25pm, it must be for school work.
- The Computer Network can be accessed in the Library, S9 or S10 during lunch or after school. Computers in other areas may only be used with the express permission of, and supervision by, the teacher responsible for that room.
- Additionally the Engine can be used in and out of school to provide access to the School Network.
- Your parents' permission is required before you can use the Internet. Remember that access is a privilege, not a right and that access requires responsibility.
- As a user of the Internet you are responsible for your own behaviour and communications over the network. It is expected that you will comply with the high standards set by the school when you are online.
- Staff may review files and communications to ensure that users are using the system responsibly. You should not expect that files stored on servers or disks would always be private.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED:**

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
2. Using obscene language
3. Harassing, insulting or attacking others
4. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
5. Violating copyright laws
6. Using other people's passwords
7. Trespassing in other people's folders, work or files
8. Intentionally wasting limited resources
9. Playing games except in the authorised Games Clubs
10. Using the Internet for personal interests during school hours
11. Eating or drinking in an IT room (S5, S9, S10, S13, C17) or near computer equipment in other rooms.
12. Running in an IT room.

### **SANCTIONS**

1. Violations of the rules will result in temporary or permanent exclusion from the School Computer Network.
2. Additional disciplinary action may be added in line with existing practice on inappropriate language or behaviour.
3. When appropriate, police or local authorities may be involved.