

## **Year 7 Admission - Acceptable use of Digital Technology Agreement**

The use of digital technology and the internet are constantly opening new opportunities for students. They are acquiring new skills and using technology to an increasing level of sophistication, and this is having a very positive impact on their learning across all subjects. To use digital technology effectively requires students to have an awareness and understanding of the benefits but also of the risks and how to take responsibility for protecting themselves and the equipment they are using.

As part of our Trust's School curriculum, the Trust uses Google and Microsoft Apps for Education. This service is powered by Google and Microsoft respectively with over 8 million other students and teachers around the world using it. The service gives our students and staff access to a set of tools which will support the high levels of collaboration that are required in today's classroom to prepare students with communication and collaboration skills for life. Apps for Education also enhances the delivery of not only our Computing curriculum, but lessons cross curricular.

We also use several other Online Services to support the education of our students. All the suppliers of these services have been checked for their GDPR compliance in line with current legislation.

Below are our expectations of students when using digital technology in the Trust's schools. I should be grateful if you would read through the agreement available on the MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app, and accept the agreement on the app so that your child can make use of the digital technology equipment whilst in school.

Ultimately the Trust cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies, however, it is understood that the Trust will take every reasonable precaution to keep students safe and to prevent them from accessing inappropriate materials whilst in our care. These steps include an educationally filtered service, restricted access e-mail, the teaching of e-safety skills to students and high-quality teaching practices.

You need to be aware that the Trust can check any files held on any digital device, and the internet sites the students visit, and that if they have concerns about their e-safety or e-behaviour that they will discuss this with parents.

It is expected that you will support the Trust by promoting safe use of the internet and digital technology at home and will inform the Trust if you have any concerns over your child's e-safety. Such expectations on the acceptable use of Digital Devices are now standard procedure in most schools, but if you are concerned about any aspect of this, please contact the Trust's Strategic and Classroom ICT Advisor.