Presdales School

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1. Introduction

Presdales School recognises that internet, mobile and digital technologies provide a good opportunity for children and young people to learn, socialise and play, provided they are safe. The digital world is an amazing place, but with few rules. It is vast and fast moving and young people's future economic success may be partly dependent on their online skills and reputation. We are, therefore, committed to ensuring that **all** students, staff and governors will be able to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely. This is part of our safeguarding responsibility. Staff are aware that some students may require additional support or teaching, including reminders, prompts and further explanation to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of online safety issues.

We are also committed to ensuring that all those who work with children and young people, including their parents/carers, are informed about the ever-changing risks so that they can take an active part in the safeguarding of children.

2. Responsibilities

The Headteacher and governors have ultimate responsibility to ensure that appropriate online safety policy and practice is embedded and monitored. The named online safety co-ordinator in this school is **Sara Miller**, DHT.
All breaches of this policy must be reported to **Sara Miller**, DHT.
All breaches of this policy that may have put a child at risk must also be reported to the DSL, **Kate Chandler**, AHT.
Organisations that are renting space from the school and are a totally separate organisation should have and follow their own online safety policy and acceptable use agreements. However, if the organisation has any access to the school network and equipment then they must adhere to the school's online safety procedures and acceptable use agreements.

If the organisation is operating in school time or when students are on site in the care of the school, then the safeguarding of students is paramount and the organisation must adhere to the school's online safety procedures and acceptable use agreements.

3. Scope of policy

The policy applies to:

- students
- parents/carers
- teaching and support staff
- school governors
- peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers, student teachers
- visitors
- volunteers
- voluntary, statutory or community organisations using the school's facilities

The school also works with partners and other providers to ensure that students who receive part of their education off site or who are on a school trip or residential are safe online.

The school provides online safety information for parents/carers, through the website, in newsletters and at events. It is important that parents/carers understand their key role in supporting their child/ren to behave appropriately and keep themselves safe online.

This policy, supported by its acceptable use agreements, is intended to protect the interests and safety of the whole school community. It is linked to the following other school policies and documents: safeguarding, data protection, health and safety, home–school agreement, behaviour, and PSHE policies.

4. Policy and procedure

The school seeks to ensure that internet, mobile and digital technologies are used effectively, for their intended educational purpose, in ways that will not infringe legal requirements or create unnecessary risk.

The school expects everyone to use internet, mobile and digital technologies responsibly and strictly according to the conditions set out in this policy. This policy also includes expectations on appropriate online behaviour and use of technology outside of school for students, parents/carers, staff and governors and all other visitors to the school.

Use of email

Staff and governors should use a school email account for all official communication to ensure everyone is protected through the traceability of communication. Under no circumstances should staff contact students, parents or conduct any school business using a personal email address. Students may only use school approved accounts on the school system and only for educational purposes. Where required parent/carer permission will be obtained for the account to exist. For advice on emailing, sharing personal or confidential information or the need to gain parent permission refer to the policy for data protection. Emails created or received as part of any school role will be subject to disclosure in response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Staff, governors and students should not open emails or attachments from suspect sources and should report their receipt to **Jerry Dyer**, Network manager.

Users must not send emails which are offensive, embarrassing or upsetting to anyone (i.e. cyberbullying).

Visiting online sites and downloading

- Staff must preview sites, software and apps before their use in school or before recommending them to students. Before using any online service that requires user accounts to be created or the sharing of any personal data, staff must consult with the Data Protection Officer with details of the site/service. If internet research is set for homework, specific sites will be suggested that have previously been checked by the teacher. All users must observe copyright of materials from electronic sources.

    - Staff must only use pre-approved systems if creating blogs, wikis, social media platforms or other online areas in order to communicate with students/ families.

    - When working with students, searching for images should be done through Google Safe Search, Google Advanced Search or a similar application that provides greater safety than a standard search engine.

Users must not:

Visit internet sites, make, post, download, upload or pass on, material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to:

- Indecent images of children actually or apparently under the age of 18 or images of child abuse (i.e. images of children, digital or cartoons, involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
- Indecent images of vulnerable people over the age of 18 (i.e. images of vulnerable people, digital or cartoons involved in sexual activity or posed to be sexually provocative)
- Adult material that breaches the Obscene Publications Act in the UK
- Promoting discrimination of any kind in relation to the protected characteristics: gender identity and reassignment, gender/sex, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, sexual orientation, age and marital status
- Promoting hatred against any individual or group from the protected characteristics above
- Promoting illegal acts including physical or sexual abuse of children or adults, violence, bomb making, drug and alcohol abuse and software piracy
- Any material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute e.g. promotion of violence, gambling, libel and disrespect

- **Users must not:**
  - Reveal or publicise confidential or proprietary information or intentionally interfere with the normal operation of the internet connection, including the propagation of computer viruses
  - Transmit unsolicited commercial or advertising material either to other users, or to organisations connected to other networks except where permission has been given to the school
  - Use the school's hardware and Wi-Fi facilities for running a private business
  - Intimidate, threaten or cause harm to others
  - Access or interfere in any way with other users' accounts
  - Use software or hardware that has been prohibited by the school

All breaches of prohibited behaviours detailed above will be investigated, where appropriate, in liaison with the police.

The school recognises that in certain planned curricular activities, access to controversial and/or offensive online content may be beneficial for educational use. In such circumstances, there is an expectation that access is pre-planned, risk assessed and recorded, and permission given by **Sara Miller**, DHT.

Storage of Images

- Photographs and videos provide valuable evidence of students' achievement and progress in a variety of contexts and can be used to celebrate the work of the school. In line with GDPR they are used only with the written consent of parents/carers/student which is secured in the first instance on a child's entry to the school. Records are kept on file and consent can be changed by parents/carers/students at any time. (See Data Protection policy for greater clarification).

- Photographs and images of students are only stored on the school's agreed secure networks which include some cloud based services.

- Parents/carers should note that there may be some children who are at risk and must not have their image put online and others who do not want their image online. For these reasons parents/carers must follow the school's Acceptable Use Agreement and refrain from taking or posting online photographs of any member of the school community, other than their own child/ren.

- Staff and other professionals working with students, must only use school equipment to record images of students whether on or off site. See also Data Protection.

Use of personal mobile devices (including phones)

- The school allows staff, including temporary and peripatetic staff, and visitors to use personal mobile phones and devices only in designated areas and never in the presence of students. Under no circumstance does the school allow a member of staff to contact a student or parent/carer using their personal device.

- Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises or on off-site school events and activities of anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified permission from **Sara Miller**. When a parent/carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone must not be used unless they are with a member of staff.

- Students are allowed to bring personal mobile devices/phones to school but must not use them for personal purposes within lesson time. In lesson times all such devices must be switched off, unless permission is given by the member of staff for it to be used for a teaching and learning reason. Students are allowed to user their mobiles devices outside of the school buildings at break and lunchtime only. Under no circumstance should students use their personal mobile devices/phones to take images of
  - any other student unless they and their parents have given agreement in advance
  - any member of staff

- The school is not responsible for the loss, damage or theft on school premises of any personal mobile device.

- Users bringing personal devices into school must ensure there is no inappropriate or illegal content on the device.

New technological devices

- New personal technological devices may offer opportunities for teaching and learning. Parents/carers, students and staff should not assume that new technological devices will be allowed in school and should check with **Sara Miller** before they are brought into school.

Reporting incidents, abuse and inappropriate material

- There may be occasions in school when either a student or an adult receives an offensive, abusive or inappropriate message or accidentally accesses upsetting or abusive material. When such a situation occurs the student or adult must report the incident immediately to the first available member of staff, the DSP, the Headteacher or **Sara Miller**. Where such an incident may lead to significant harm, safeguarding procedures should be followed. The school takes the reporting of such incidents seriously and where judged necessary, the DSP will refer details to social care or the police.

5. Curriculum

Online safety is embedded within our curriculum. The school provides a comprehensive curriculum for online safety which enables students to become informed, safe and responsible. This includes teaching to prevent radicalisation, for which staff provide a narrative to counter extremism.

The curriculum is flexible and can respond to any immediate online safety issues and risks as they emerge.

It is necessary for students to develop skills of critical awareness, digital resilience and good online citizenship to enable them to use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly. Students are taught to recognise the creative, collaborative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities provided by the internet, mobile and digital technologies. Curriculum work will also include:

- Understanding how to use the internet, mobile and digital technologies in a balanced and appropriate way to avoid negative impact on wellbeing, e.g. regulated screen time and diverse online activity
- Learning how to develop a positive online reputation and enhance future opportunities e.g. in relationships and employment
- Developing critical thinking skills in relation to online content e.g. recognising fake news and extremism, understanding commercial manipulation, maintaining an authentic sense of self that is resilient to online pressure, learning how easy it is to lie online (i.e. users may not be who they say they are and may have ulterior motives)
- Understanding the dangers of giving out personal details online (e.g. full name, address, mobile/home phone numbers, school details, IM/email address) and the importance of maintaining maximum privacy online
- Thinking carefully before placing images online and considering their appropriateness and understanding the importance of gaining consent before posting photographs of others
- Understanding the permanency of all online postings and conversations

- Understanding relevant legislation, including copyright, and the importance of respecting other people's information, reputation and images

- What constitutes cyberbullying, how to avoid it, the impact it has and how to access help.

6. Staff and Governor Training

New staff are provided with a copy of the online safety policy and must sign the school's Acceptable Use Agreement as part of their induction and before having contact with students.

Any organisation working with children based on the school premises are also provided with a copy of the online safety policy and required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix B).

Peripatetic staff, student teachers and regular visitors are provided with a copy of the online safety policy and are required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement (Appendix B).

Guidance is provided for occasional visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers (Appendix E).

7. Working in Partnership with Parents/Carers

The school works closely with families to help ensure that children can use internet, mobile and digital technologies safely and responsibly both at home and school. It is important that parents/carers understand the crucial role they play in this process. The school seeks to regularly consult and discuss online safety with parents/carers and seeks to promote a wide understanding of the benefits of new technologies and associated risks. The school provides regular updated online safety information through the school website and by other means.

Parents/carers are asked on an annual basis to read, discuss and co-sign with each child the Acceptable Use Agreement. A summary of key parent/carer responsibilities will also be provided and is available in Appendix F. The Acceptable Use Agreement explains the school's expectations and student and parent/carer responsibilities. The support of parents/carers is essential to implement the online safety policy effectively and keep all children safe.

8. Records, monitoring and review

The school recognises the need to record online safety incidents and to monitor and review policies and procedures regularly in order to ensure they are effective and that the risks to students and staff are minimised.

All breaches of this policy must be reported and all reported incidents will be logged. All staff have the individual responsibility to ensure that incidents have been correctly recorded, acted upon and reported.

The school supports students and staff who have been affected by a policy breach. Where there is inappropriate or illegal use of internet, mobile and digital technologies, this will be dealt with under the school's behaviour and disciplinary policies as appropriate. Breaches may also lead to criminal or civil proceedings.

Governors receive termly summary data on recorded online safety incidents for monitoring purposes. In addition governors ensure they have sufficient, quality information to enable them to make a

judgement about the fitness for purpose of this policy on an annual basis.

9. Appendices of the Online Safety Policy

A. Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Staff, Governors and student teachers (on placement or on staff)
B. Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers
C. Requirements for visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers working in the school (working directly with children or otherwise)
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E. Online safety policy guide - Summary of key parent/carer responsibilities
F. Guidance on the process for responding to cyberbullying incidents
G. Guidance for staff on preventing and responding to negative comments on social media
H. Online safety incident reporting form
I. Online safety incident record
J. Online safety incident log

Appendix A -Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Staff, Governors and student teachers (on placement or on staff)

You must read this agreement in conjunction with the online safety policy and the Data Protection policy. Once you have read these, you must sign and submit this agreement and it will be kept on record in the school. You should retain your own copy for reference. This forms part of your professional and safeguarding responsibilities.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies are part of our daily working life and this agreement is designed to ensure that all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their use. All staff and governors are expected to adhere to this agreement and to the online safety policy. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with **Sara Miller**. Breaches will be investigated, recorded and, where appropriate, disciplinary procedures will apply and police involvement will be sought.

Internet Access

I will not access or attempt to access any sites that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; discrimination of any kind; promotion of prejudice against any group; promotion of illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive. Inadvertent access on school equipment must be treated as an online safety incident, reported to the online safety lead and/or DSP and an incident report completed.

- Online conduct
- I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring the school, my professional reputation, or that of others, into disrepute.

I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory. Exceptionally, use of controversial material as part of the curriculum should be planned and approved on every occasion (see policy).

- I will report any accidental access to or receipt of inappropriate materials or filtering breach to **Sara Miller**.

I understand that all my use of the internet and other related technologies can be traced and monitored and, should it be required, must be made available to my line manager, Headteacher and others as required.

- I will not give out my personal contact and online account information such as phone numbers, email address, and social media account details to students and/or parents/carers.

Social networking

I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships; in my professional capacity I will not become 'friends' with parents/carers or students on social networks. Where my school role is my only connection to an individual, private online contact is unacceptable with parents/carers or students.

When using social networking for personal use I will ensure my settings are not public. My private account postings will never undermine or disparage the school, its staff, governors, parents/carers or students. Privileged information must remain confidential.

- I will not upload any material about or references to the school or its community on my

personal social networks.

Passwords

I understand that there is no occasion when a password should be shared with a student or anyone who is not a staff member. Occasionally an ICT technician may need to know your password for testing and troubleshooting purposes, when complete you must reset your password.

Data protection

I will follow requirements for data protection as outlined in Data Protection policy. These include:

- Photographs must be kept securely and used appropriately, whether in school, taken off the school premises or accessed remotely
- Personal data can only be taken out of school or accessed remotely when authorised by the Headteacher or governing body
- Personal or sensitive data taken off site must be encrypted

Images and videos

I will only upload images or videos of staff, students or parents/carers onto school approved sites where specific permission has been granted.

I will not take images, sound recordings or videos of school events or activities on any personal device.

Copyrighted material must be respected

Use of email

I will use my school email address for all school business. All such correspondence must be kept professional and is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act. I will not use my school email addresses for personal matters or non-school business. I will never communicate with students, parents or carers with my personal email address. I will not use my school email address in a manner which may bring the school into disrepute.

Use of personal devices

If I access school emails on my personal device I will ensure that my personal device is secured with a strong PIN.

I understand that as a member of staff I should at no time put myself in a position where a safeguarding allegation can be made against me as a result of my use of personal devices. I understand that the use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Additional hardware/software

I will not install any hardware or software on school equipment without permission of the Network Manager.
I will report damaged or faulty equipment immediately to the ICT department
I will not leave laptops or other portable equipment unattended and vulnerable to theft. Equipment will be kept

locked away when unattended.

Promoting online safety
I understand that online safety is the responsibility of all staff and governors and I will promote positive online safety messages at all times including when setting homework or providing pastoral support.

I understand that it is my duty to support a whole school safeguarding approach and will report any inappropriate or concerning behaviour (of other staff, governors, visitors, students or parents/carers) to the DSP or **Sara Miller**.

Classroom management of internet access
I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites used in the classroom; this will include the acceptability of other material visible, however briefly, on the site. I will not free-surf the internet in front of students.

If I am using the internet to teach about controversial issues I will secure, on every occasion, approval in advance for the material I plan to use with my line manager

User signature

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety throughout the school. I understand this forms part of the terms and conditions set out in my contract of employment (staff members only) and/or my responsibilities as a governor.

Signature …… Date ……

Full Name …….. (printed)

Job title ……

Appendix B - Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement - Peripatetic teachers/coaches, supply teachers

Presdales School

Online safety lead: Sara Miller

Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP): Kate Chandler

This agreement forms part of your professional and safeguarding responsibility in the school. You must read and sign this agreement. This will be kept on record and you should retain your own copy for reference.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies are part of our daily working life and this agreement is designed to ensure that all staff and governors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their use. You are expected to adhere to this agreement. Any concerns or clarification should be discussed with **Sara Miller**. Breaches will be investigated, recorded and, where appropriate, disciplinary procedures will apply and police involvement will be sought.

The school's online safety policy will provide further detailed information as required.

Internet Access
I will not access or attempt to access any sites that contain any of the following: child abuse; pornography; discrimination of any kind; promotion of prejudice against any group; promotion of illegal acts; any other information which may be illegal or offensive. Inadvertent access on school equipment must be treated as an online safety incident, reported to the online safety lead and/or DSP and an incident report completed.

Online conduct
I will ensure that my online activity, both in and outside school, will not bring the school, my professional reputation, or that of others, into disrepute.

I will not browse, download, upload or distribute any material that could be considered offensive, illegal or discriminatory. Exceptionally, use of controversial material as part of the curriculum should be planned and approved on every occasion (see policy).

- I will report any accidental access to or receipt of inappropriate materials or filtering breach to **Sara Miller**.

I understand that all my use of the internet and other related technologies can be traced and monitored and, should it be required, must be made available to my line manager, Headteacher and others as required.

- I will not give out my personal contact and online account information such as phone numbers, email address, and social media account details to students and/or parents/carers.
- Should I need to share my professional details, such as mobile phone number or email address, with parent/carers, this must be agreed in advance as an acceptable approach with **Sara Miller**.

Social networking
I understand the need to separate my professional role from my private friendships; in my professional capacity I will not become 'friends' with parents/carers or students on social networks. Where my school role is my only connection to an individual, private online contact is unacceptable with parents/carers or students.

Information can be shared with students over 13 and parents/carers through an organisational social network site/page e.g. on Facebook or Twitter, but never through a personal account or site. In my professional role in the school, I will never engage in 1-1 exchanges with students or parent/carers on personal social network sites.

My private account postings will never undermine or disparage the school, its staff, governors, parents/carers or students. Privileged information known as a result of my work in the school must remain confidential.

- I will not upload any material about or references to the school or its community on my personal social networks.

Passwords

I must clarify what access I may have to the internet and/or school systems. If I have access of any kind, I understand that there is no occasion when a password should be shared with a student or anyone who is not a staff member.

Data protection

I will follow all requirements for data protection explained to me by the school. These include:

- I must consult with the school before making any recordings, photographs and videos. Once agreed, these must be made on a school device.

- I understand that there are strict controls and requirements regarding the collection and use of personal data. I will follow all requirements regarding GDPR.

Images and videos

I will only upload images or videos of staff, students or parents/carers onto school approved sites where specific permission has been granted.

I will not take images, sound recordings or videos of tuition or wider school activities on any personal device. School devices can be used for this purpose or, in the case of 1:1 tuition; students or parent/carer devices can be used, with parent/carer agreement.

Internet, mobile and digital technologies provide helpful recording functions but these cannot be made on a teacher's personal device. Recordings can be made with the child's and parent/carer's agreement on a school device, an organisational device approved by the Headteacher/DSP, or a young person's or parent/carer's own device.

Use of Email

I will use my professional or formal student email address for all school business. All such correspondence should be kept professional and is open to Subject Access Requests under the Freedom of Information Act. I will not use my professional email addresses for personal matters.

Use of personal devices

I understand that when working in the school I should at no time put myself in a position where a safeguarding allegation can be made against me as a result of my use of personal devices. I understand that the use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

I will only use approved personal devices in designated areas and never in front of students. This therefore precludes use of specialist apps on personal devices. A school device could be used to access specialist apps that support student learning. Students can also be encouraged, but not required, to access such apps on their own devices if allowed by the school and with parent/carer agreement.

Additional hardware/software

I will not install any hardware or software on school equipment without permission of **Jerry Dyer**.

Promoting online safety

I understand that online safety is part of my responsibility and I will promote positive online safety messages at all times, including when setting homework, rehearsal or skill practice or when providing pastoral support.

I understand that it is my duty to support a whole school safeguarding approach and will report any behaviour (of staff, governors, visitors, students or parents/carers) which I believe may be inappropriate or concerning in any way to the DSP or **Sara Miller**.

Classroom management of internet access

I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites used in the classroom; this will include the acceptability of other material visible, however briefly, on the site. I will not free-surf the internet in front of students.

If I am using the internet to teach about controversial issues I will secure, on every occasion, approval in advance for the material I plan to use with **Sara Miller**.

User Signature

I agree to follow this Acceptable Use Agreement and to support online safety in my work in the school. I understand this forms part of my company/educational setting/organisation's contract with the school.

Signature …… Date ……

Full Name …….. (Please use block capitals)

Job Title/Role ……

Appendix C - Requirements for visitors, volunteers and parent/carer helpers
(Working directly with children or otherwise)

School name: Presdales School

Online safety lead: Sara Miller

DSP: Kate Chandler

This document is designed to ensure that you are aware of your responsibilities when using any form of IT in the school and other aspects of safeguarding in connection with online safety.

Please raise **any** safeguarding concerns arising from your visit immediately with the Headteacher and/or DSP

- I understand I may only use my personal mobile phone(s) and other devices with camera functions in designated areas. When not in a designated area, phones must be switched off and out of sight. Any exception must be pre-arranged.
- I will not take images, sound recording or videos of school events or activities, on or off site, on any device. Any possible exception must be pre-arranged.
- I will not give out my personal details such as mobile phone number, email address, and social media account details to students and parent/carers. Where appropriate I may share my professional contact details with parents/carers provided the DSL or Headteacher is informed before I leave the school.
- I understand my visit to the school may give me access to privileged information about students, staff, school systems and plans. Such information should never be shared online, including on social media sites.
- I understand I should not use school equipment to access the internet without prior approval from my contact in the school or the Headteacher.
- If working in the classroom, I will pre-check for appropriateness all internet sites I intend to use including checking the acceptability of other material visible on the site. I will not free-surf the internet in front of students. If I am in any doubt about the appropriateness of the content I plan to use I will check with my contact in the school.

Appendix D - **Online Safety Acceptable Use Agreement Secondary Students**

The School's Internet access policy has been drawn up to protect all parties - Students, Staff and the School. All students and staff using the Internet at the School must sign the Acceptable Use Agreement before access will be given.
The network is owned by the School and access is given on the understanding that it is for educational use only.

All users need to understand that everything that they search for, access, post or receive online can be traced now and in the future. Their activity can be monitored and logged and if necessary shared with staff, parents/carers and the police if necessary.

All users need to realise it is essential that they maintain a good online reputation.

- All users of the internet are responsible for their behaviour and any communications sent over it
- Access must only be made through authorised accounts
- No activity shall be undertaken which could either threaten the integrity of the School ICT systems or attack or corrupt other systems
- Users may not make purchases or enter into contracts over the Internet using school systems
- On-line chat is not permitted, either across the school network or over the internet
- Contacting teachers, other than via the school e-mail system on a school related matter, is strictly forbidden
- Posting anonymous messages and forwarding chain letters is not permitted
- Use of the Internet to access inappropriate material such as pornographic, racist or offensive material is not permitted
- Copyright of material must be respected

I will not:
- Divulge my password to anyone other than a member of the school staff
- Allow any other person the use of a computer to which they have logged on to
- Leave the computer unattended whilst logged on.
- Install software of any kind on any computer owned by the School without the express permission of the Network Manager
- Copy any software from any computer owned by the School
- Delete any software from a computer owned by the School
- Change the configuration of any computer owned by the School
- Attempt to access any area that has been protected from you by way of restricted permissions or hidden directories, folders or files on any computer owned by the School
- Store undesirable material on any part of the system (offensive literature, pornographic images and the like)
- Attempt to repair any ICT equipment owned by the School
- Borrow any ICT equipment without first signing it out with the ICT Support Team
- Eat or drink near any equipment
- Leave laptops or other portable equipment unattended and vulnerable to theft. Users must lock them away when unattended
- Use the system for personal gain, for promoting political views or any form of personal advertising.
- Give out my own or any others' personal information, including name, phone number, home address, interests, schools or clubs or any personal image. (They will report immediately any request for any kind of personal information, to a member of staff if in school or a parent/carer if not in school).
- Post photographs, videos or livestream without the permission of all parties involved.
- Upload any images, videos, sounds or words that could upset, now or in the future, any member of the

school community, as this is cyberbullying.
- Attempt to bypass the internet filtering system in school.
- Assume that new technologies can be brought into school and will check with staff before bringing in any device.
- Lie about my age in order to sign up for age inappropriate games, apps or social networks.

I will:
- Report any accidental infringement of the above conditions to the ICT Support Team
- Treat all equipment with respect
- Leave the public work areas tidy
- Ensure you have logged-out properly before leaving
- Be respectful to everyone online; treat everyone the way that I want to be treated. Ensure that all online activity, both inside and outside school, will not cause distress to anyone in the school community and bring the school into disrepute.
- Understand that not everything they see or hear online is true, accurate or genuine. They will also know that some people on the internet are not who they say they are and may have ulterior motives for assuming another identity that will put them at risk. They will gain permission from parents/carers before arranging to meet someone they only know on the internet.
- Understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe now and in the future. If I break the rules, teachers will investigate, I may be disciplined and my parents/carers may be contacted. If I break the law the police may be informed.

Violations of the School's Internet Access Policy will result, in the first instance, in a temporary or permanent ban on its use.
Subsequent violations will result in serious disciplinary action being taken and for students this may lead to Permanent Exclusion for persistent offenders.
Where appropriate the Police or other authorities will be involved and criminal proceedings may be instigated.

Hand-Held Device/Mobile Telephone Policy, Years 07 to 11
Mobile phones can be a useful tool when used appropriately and can be of benefit to the student. Inappropriate use of a mobile phone can be very disruptive. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used within the school building, including at break and lunchtime. Mobile phones should not be visible in school, for example, they are not allowed to be carried in their hand or kept in their shirt pocket. Students, may, on occasion be permitted to use their mobile phone or other electronic device within a lesson if explicitly asked to, by the member of staff taking the lesson. If a student uses a mobile phone inappropriately it will confiscated until the end of the day and a consequence given. If the mobile phone was used to film/ photograph any student or member of staff without their consent, a member of SLT will ask to see the footage and expect the student to delete it as soon as possible. If the student refuses to show the footage the mobile phone will be confiscated and the parents/ carers will be required to collect the phone at the end of the day. In serious cases of student misconduct the police may then be informed in order to gain access to this information.

Sixth form students are allowed to use their hand-held device/mobile phone in the mansion. They are also allowed to use them in the canteen during study periods, but not at break or lunch times.

The internet, email, mobile technologies and online resources have become an important part of learning and life. We want all students to be safe and responsible when using any IT. It is essential that students are aware of online risk, know how to stay safe and know where to go to report problems and access support.

IMAGE CONSENT
Occasionally, we take photographs of the students at our School. We may use these images in our School Prospectus, in other printed publications that we produce, in displays, on the school website and occasionally

on the School's official media accounts. We may also make video or webcam recordings for School-to-School conferences, monitoring or other educational use.
Sometimes we may send images to the news media or our School may be visited by the media, who will take their own photographs or film footage. The news media may use the images in printed publications (including local or national newspapers), on televised news programmes or on their website. They then may store them in their archive. They may also syndicate the photos to other media for possible use, either in printed publications, on websites, or both. When we submit photographs and information to the media, we have no control on when, where, if or how they will be used.

We need your permission before we can photograph or make any recordings of your child. *Please note that websites can be viewed throughout the world and not just in the United Kingdom (where UK law applies). In giving your consent you understand that images may be used in printed and electronic form.*

Please note the following:

- The images we take will be of activities that show the School and children in a positive light.
- Embarrassing or distressing images will not be used.
- We may use group or class photographs or footage with very general labels, eg: 'science lesson'.
- We will only use images of students who are suitably dressed.
- We will make every effort to ensure that we do not allow images to be taken of any children for whom we do not have permission or who are 'at risk' or disallowed from having their photographs taken for legal or social reasons
- Consent for the use of images passes to the students at the age of 13. Students will then be asked to give their own consent within a reasonable time period of turning 13. We will ensure parents are involved in this process to enable them to discuss this with their child.

To give your consent, please sign the permission form in your reply slips booklet.
Should you wish to withdraw consent at any time, please write to the School.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Data/ICT Equipment/Internet/Hand-held Device Protocols

Please ensure that you have read the agreement which can be found in your Parents' Information Booklet

ICT - Student Agreement

I have read and agree to the protocols at Presdales School and understand the consequences of any misuse.

Name of Student:	
Signature of Student:	
Date:	

ICT - Parent/Carer Agreement

I/we have discussed this agreement, which highlights the associated risks when accessing the internet, mobile and digital technologies, with our child.

I/we agree to support them in the terms of this agreement.

I/we also agree not to share school related information or images online or to post material that may bring the school or any individual within it into disrepute.

The school may choose to set up social media sites, blogs or have some other online presence in its own name. Parents/carers, however, do not have the right to set up any site, page, chat group or any other online presence that uses the school name or logo in any form.

Rather than posting negative material online, any parent/carer, distressed or concerned about an aspect of school should make immediate contact with the school where the school can deal with the issue.

Negative postings about the school would affect the reputation of the whole school community.

Parents/carers are encouraged to report breaches so that we can protect the reputation of the school, staff, students and parents.

Name of Parent/Carer:	
Signature of Parent/Carer:	
Date:	

Appendix E - **Guidance on the process for responding to cyberbullying incidents**

All cyberbullying incidents should be reported and responded to. Where the perpetrator is a member of the school community the majority of cases can be dealt with through mediation and/or disciplinary processes.

The following procedures are recommended:

- Never reply to the sender/poster of cyberbullying content. If applicable, block the sender.
- Incidents should be reported immediately. Students should report to a member of staff (e.g. class teacher, Headteacher) and staff members should seek support from their line manager or a senior member of staff.
- The person reporting the cyberbullying should save the evidence and record the time and date. This evidence must not be forwarded but must be available to show at a meeting. Under no circumstances should indecent images of children and young people be printed or forwarded as this is a further criminal act. Staff should not ask to see the evidence of reported indecent images of children or young people but must refer this immediately to the police. Any member of staff being shown such evidence should immediately inform their line manager or the Headteacher so that the circumstances can be recorded.
- A senior member of staff will meet with the person who has reported the incident and the target, if different, to listen, reassure and support. All relevant facts will be reviewed and documented.
- A senior member of staff will conduct an investigation.
- Anyone found to have cyberbullied will have attention drawn to the seriousness of their behaviour and if necessary the police will be involved. If the comments are threatening, abusive, sexist, of a sexual nature, constitute a hate crime or are libellous they may well break the law. Online harassment and stalking is also a crime.
- Once evidence has been secured then the person who has cyberbullied will be requested to remove the offending comments/material. Any refusal will lead to an escalation of sanctions.

Appendix F - **Guidance for staff on preventing and responding to negative comments on social media**

The school should make it clear which, if any, social media platforms are used to communicate with parents/carers. If used correctly, parents can use a school's social media site as a source of reliable information. The online safety policy, see especially Appendix E (Online safety policy guide - Summary of key parent/carer responsibilities), clarifies that no other social media platforms should be set up using the school's name or logo.

The school should regularly reinforce with all parties that discussion of school issues on social media platforms, either positive or negative, should not take place as this could bring the school into disrepute and affect families and children. Parents should be encouraged to be good online role models and not post statements written in anger or frustration. Identified routes to raise concerns directly with the school should be used.

If negative comments are posted:

- Collect the facts

  As soon as you become aware of adverse comments relating to the school you need to establish what is being said. It is essential that if you have access to the postings they are secured and retained together with any other evidence. Do not become engaged in responding directly.

  If the allegations against a member of staff or a student are of a serious nature, these will need to be formally investigated. This may involve the police and the Headteacher will need to follow the school's safeguarding procedures.

  If there is a risk of serious damage to the school reputation or the reputation of individual members of staff, professional legal advice should be sought.

  Adverse comments of any kind are highly demotivating and cause stress and anxiety. It is important that the senior staff reassure and support all staff and/or other affected members of the school community.

- Addressing negative comments and complaints

  Contact the complainants and invite them to a meeting. In the meeting, make sure you have any evidence available.

The meeting must:

- Draw attention to the seriousness and impact of the actions/postings;
- Ask for the offending remarks to be removed;
- Explore the complainant's grievance;
- Agree next steps;
- Clarify the correct complaints procedures.

If the meeting does not resolve the issue, the parents must be informed that the school will need to take the matter further. This may include:

- Reporting the matter to the social network site if it breaches their rules or breaks the law;

- Reporting the matter to the police if it breaks the law, e.g. if the comments are threatening, abusive, malicious, sexist, of a sexual nature, constitute a hate crime or are libellous they may well break the law. Online harassment and stalking is also a crime.

If inappropriate postings continue or the original material is not removed, a second meeting is advisable to reiterate the seriousness of the matter.

Appendix G - Online safety incident reporting form

Any member of the school community can raise a concern about an online safety incident. If you have witnessed or experienced an incident please complete the form below to help us to address the issue. It is important that you provide as much detail as possible. Once completed please hand this report to **Sara Miller**.

Name of person reporting incident:				
Signature:				
Date you are completing this form:				
Where did the incident take place:	Inside school?		Outside school?	
Date of incident(s):				
Time of incident(s):				

Who was involved in the incident(s)?	Full names and/or contact details
Children/young people	
Staff member(s)	
Parent(s)/carer(s)	
Other, please specify	

Type of incident(s) (indicate as many as apply)			
Accessing age inappropriate websites, apps and social media		Accessing someone else's account without permission	
Forwarding/spreading chain messages or threatening material		Posting images without permission of all involved	
Online bullying or harassment (cyber bullying)		Posting material that will bring an individual or the school into disrepute	
Racist, sexist, homophobic, religious or other hate material		Online gambling	
Sexting/Child abuse images		Deliberately bypassing security	
Grooming		Hacking or spreading viruses	
Accessing, sharing or creating pornographic images and media		Accessing and/or sharing terrorist material	
Accessing, sharing or creating violent images and media		Drug/bomb making material	
Creating an account in someone else's name to bring them into disrepute		Breaching copyright regulations	
Other breach of acceptable use agreement, please specify			

Full description of the incident	What, when, where, how?
Name all social media involved	Specify: Twitter, Facebook, Whatsapp, Snapchat, Instagram etc
Evidence of the incident	Specify any evidence available but do not attach.

Thank you for completing and submitting this form.

Appendix H - Online safety incident record

Name of person reporting incident:				
Date of report:				
Where did the incident take place:	Inside school?		Outside school?	
Date of incident(s):				
Time of incident(s):				

Who was involved in the incident(s)?	Full names and/or contact details
Children/young person	
Staff member(s)	
Parent(s)/carer(s)	
Other, please specify	

Type of incident(s) (indicate as many as apply)			
Accessing age inappropriate websites, apps and social media		Accessing someone else's account without permission	
Forwarding/spreading chain messages or threatening material		Posting images without permission of all involved	
Online bullying or harassment (cyberbullying)		Posting material that will bring an individual or the school into disrepute	
Racist, sexist, homophobic, religious or other hate material		Online gambling	
Sexting/Child abuse images		Deliberately bypassing security	
Grooming		Hacking or spreading viruses	
Accessing, sharing or creating pornographic images and media		Accessing and/or sharing terrorist material	
Accessing, sharing or creating violent images and media		Drug/bomb making material	
Creating an account in someone else's name to bring them into disrepute		Breaching copyright regulations	
Other breach of Acceptable Use Agreement			
Other, please specify			

Full description of the incident	What, when, where, how?
Name all social media involved	Specify: Twitter, Facebook, Whatsapp, Snapchat, Instagram etc
Evidence of the incident	Specify any evidence provided but do not attach

Immediate action taken following the reported incident:	
Incident reported to online safety Coordinator/DSL/ DSP/Headteacher	
Safeguarding advice sought, please specify	
Referral made to HCC Safeguarding	
Incident reported to police and/or CEOP	
Online safety policy to be reviewed/amended	
Parent(s)/carer(s) informed please specify	
Incident reported to social networking site	
Other actions e.g. warnings, sanctions, debrief and support	
Response in the wider community e.g. letters, newsletter item, assembly, curriculum delivery	

Brief summary of incident, investigation and outcome (for monitoring purposes)	

Appendix I - Online safety incident log

Summary details of ALL online safety incidents will be recorded on this form by the online safety coordinator or other designated member of staff. This incident log will be monitored at least termly and information reported to SLT and governors.

Date & time	Name of student or staff member Indicate target (T) or offender (O)	Nature of incident(s)	Details of incident (including evidence)	Outcome including action taken