

TECHNOLOGY / ONLINE SAFETY POLICY

MOBILE DEVICES & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Primary Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to bring mobile devices to school. (Unless explicitly told to do so by staff.)
- Secondary Students are permitted to bring mobile devices but are **NOT** allowed to use them during lesson times.
- If students are observed using a mobile device they will be asked to put it away OR it may be confiscated and returned by arrangement.
- Students should only use headphones in class time with the explicit permission of the teacher.
- Students are only allowed to use their laptops/tablets, if the teacher/member of staff permits.

INTERNET SAFETY

Internet Safety is the knowledge of maximizing the user's personal safety and security risks to private information and property associated with using the internet and the self-protection from computer crime in general.

CYBERBULLYING

This is a form of bullying which uses technology to deliberately harm or upset others. This type of bullying can happen in many ways, using mobile phones or the internet and could include:

- Sending hurtful messages or using images.
- Leaving malicious voicemails.
- A series of silent calls.
- Creating a website about other people to humiliate them.
- Excluding others from chat/messaging rooms/areas.
- Sending video/images of people being bullied, so others can see. Bullies might be using this form of bullying because it's very difficult to trace the senders.

CONSEQUENCES OF CYBERBULLYING

If Cyber bullying has been committed during school hours the issue will be dealt with in the same way as any other incident. If the incident has been recorded out of school hours, IA still reserves the right to inform parents, confiscate devices until a return can be arranged. The school may still

sanction if the administration feels that the perpetrator has brought the integrity of the school into question.