

# Middleton College



## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The School will employ a number of strategies in order to maximise learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. These strategies are as follows:

- Class group Internet sessions will be supervised by a teacher.
- Filtering software will be used in order to minimise the risk of exposure to inappropriate material.
- The school will regularly monitor students Internet use.
- Uploading and Downloading on non-approved software will not be permitted.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- The use of personal floppy disks or CD-ROMS in school will not be permitted.
- Students will observe good etiquette on the Internet at all times and will not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.
- Any student wishing to access the Internet can only do so with the permission from a teacher.

### World Wide Web

Students will not visit websites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.

- Students will use the Internet for educational purposes only.
- Students will never disclose or publicise personal information.
- Students will be aware that any usage of the Internet may be monitored for unusual activity and security reasons.

## **E-mail**

Students will use approved class E-mail accounts and only when supervised by a teacher.

## **Internet chat**

Students will not have access to chat rooms, discussion forums or other electronic communication forums if they have not been school approved and without teacher supervision.

## **Sanctions**

Misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action, including verbal warnings, withdrawal of access privileges and in extreme cases suspension or expulsion.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN THE ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY BEFORE ACCESS TO  
SCHOOL ICT FACILITIES IS PERMITTED**

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