



ROBERT MELLORS
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Robert Mellors Primary Academy

Staff and Volunteer Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

Academy Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. They also bring opportunities for staff to be more creative and productive in their work. All users should have an entitlement to safe access to the internet and digital technologies at all times.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- that staff and volunteers will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that academy systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that staff are protected from potential risk in their use of technology in their everyday work.

The academy will try to ensure that staff and volunteers will have good access to digital technology to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for pupils and will, in return, expect staff and volunteers to agree to be responsible users.

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I understand that I must use academy systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems and other users. I recognise the value of the use of digital technology for enhancing learning and will ensure that pupils receive opportunities to gain from the use of digital technology. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of digital technology and embed online safety in my work with young people.

For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the academy will monitor my use of the academy digital technology and communications systems.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of these technologies (e.g. laptops, email, RUnify etc.) out of school, and to the transfer of personal data (digital or paper based) out of school.

- I understand that the academy digital technology systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down by the academy.
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident, I become aware of, to the appropriate person.
- I will not save my personal academy data, the personal data of others or digital/video images of pupils on a removable hard drive/USB device unless it is encrypted.
- I will not save my personal academy data, the personal data of others or digital/video images of pupils on a personal device.
- I will only use RMuNify as a cloud based technology to save my personal academy data, the personal data of others or digital/video images of pupils.
- I understand that digital and video images taken of me can be displayed in the academy and in the Redhill Trust publications and used on the academy and Redhill Trust website/app.

I will be professional in my communications and actions when using academy IT systems:

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will ensure that when I take and or publish digital/video images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the academy's policy on the use of digital/video images. I will not use my personal equipment to record these digital/video images. Where these digital/video images are published it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will only use social networking sites in the academy in accordance with the academy's policies.
- I will only communicate with pupils and parents/carers using official academy systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner.
- I will not engage in any online activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.
- I will be aware that my relationships and association online may have safeguarding implications and I should avoid online contact with individuals that have been disqualified from working with children.

The academy and the local authority have the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the academy:

- When I use my mobile devices (laptops/tablets/mobile phones/USB devices etc) in the academy, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using academy equipment. I will also follow any additional rules set by the academy about such use. I will ensure that any such devices are protected by up-to-date anti-virus software and are free from viruses.
- I will not use personal email addresses on the academy ICT systems.
- I will not open any hyperlinks in emails or any attachments to emails, unless the source is known and trusted, or if I have any concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes).
- I will ensure that my data is regularly backed up, in accordance with relevant academy policies.
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering / security systems in place to prevent access to such materials.
- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless this is allowed in academy policies.
- I will not disable or cause any damage to academy equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.
- I will only transport, hold, disclose or share personal information about myself or others, as outlined in the Academy GDPR Policy. Where digital personal data is transferred outside the secure local network, it must be encrypted, paper based protected and restricted data must be held in lockable storage.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or pupil data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by academy policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.

When using the internet in my professional capacity or for academy sanctioned personal use:

- I will ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- Where work is protected by copyright, I will not download or distribute copies (including music and videos).

I understand that I am responsible for my actions in and out of the academy:

- I understand that this Acceptable Use Policy applies not only to my work and use of academy digital technology equipment in the academy, but also applies to my use of academy systems and equipment off the premises and my use of personal equipment on the premises or in situations related to my employment by the academy.
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could include a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors, Headteacher and in the event of illegal activities, the involvement of the police.



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I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and agree to use the academy digital technology systems (both in and out of the academy) and my own devices (in the academy and when carrying out communications related to the academy) within these guidelines.

Staff/Volunteer Name: _____

Role in academy: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____