



SAINT ALBANS SCHOOL

AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE SAINT ALBANS SCHOOL COMPUTERS AND NETWORK

It is the general policy of Saint Albans School that computers and network services are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the mission of the school. Users of the school network and computer systems acknowledge their understanding of the general policy and guidelines as a condition of using the network. All users are responsible for adhering to these school policies and procedures for network use.

Any communication or action that would be considered inappropriate in any other setting is equally inappropriate on the computer, computer network, and/or the Internet. Users should have no expectation of privacy as the school has the right, and occasionally, the responsibility, to monitor usage and activity. Use of the network is a privilege, not a right. Failure to act in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy as described below and published administrative procedures may result in a loss of network access, disciplinary action, and/or criminal penalties under applicable state and federal law. The School reserves to itself the sole right to determine what is an acceptable use of he computer systems and network, as well as what is or is not appropriate conduct.

Acceptable use of the network includes activities that support learning, teaching, and communication. Use of the network or systems for social, commercial, or entertainment purposes is not permitted.

UNACCEPTABLE USE OF THE NETWORK INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- Using network credentials that belong to someone else.
- Violating the rights to privacy of students, employees of the Saint Albans School, or others outside of Saint Albans.
- Using the network to harass or bully another individual or individuals.
- Accessing or sharing inappropriate, pornographic, or other offensive content.
- Using profane or obscene language that may be offensive to another user.
- Plagiarism and/or copying materials in violation of copyright law.
- Using the network for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity.
- Acting in a manner that degrades or disrupts system performance or unauthorized entry to and/or destruction of computer systems and files.
- Excessive bandwidth usage that impacts the network or Internet performance of others.
- Reposting personal communications without the author's prior consent.
- Using bittorrent or other peer-2-peer methods as a means to unlawfully download copyrighted material such as movies, music, games, programs, etc.

Saint Albans School makes no express or implied warranty about the quality of Internet access it provides or the resources available through the use of our network. We cannot completely eliminate access to information that is offensive or illegal and residing on networks outside of the Saint Albans School campus. Saint Albans does not guarantee the availability of access to the Internet and will not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable due to technical and/or other difficulties.

I have read and understand the terms of the acceptable use policy and agree to be bound by it when using any computer, website or network belonging to Saint Albans School. In addition, I understand that activities prohibited by this policy apply to my use of outside computers to the extent that such activity adversely affects Saint Albans School, its teachers or other students.

Signature of student Date

Signature of parent or guardian Date

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