



CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (FOUNDATION COLLEGE)

COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICY

The College's computer network is well established and plays a big part in the education of students and others at Callington Community College. In college access to the Internet is provided for the purposes of educational research and learning. We have developed the following Policy for students to provide rules and safeguards for appropriate use of the Internet.

Student Agreement

I understand that access to the Internet from Callington Community College must be in support of educational research or learning, and I agree to the following:

I will refrain from accessing any Newsgroups, links, list servers, Web pages or other areas of cyberspace that would be considered offensive in the judgment of the college's Headteacher because of pornographic, racist, violent, illegal, illicit or other content.

I will not use chatrooms unless as part of a teacher-led educational project.

Accordingly, I am responsible for monitoring materials, links, dialogues and information accessed/received and rejecting them if unsuitable.

I will not use Internet time playing non-educational games.

The college has effective web content filtering, but not all offensive material will automatically be detected. I will not try to "cheat" the filtering system, and search for information of an offensive nature.

I will be courteous and use appropriate language. I will refrain from using obscene, harassing or abusive language and will report any cases of such usage against me to my teacher or another member of staff.

I accept responsibility to keep copyrighted material from entering the college. Therefore I will not download software, games, music, graphics, videos or text materials that are copyrighted. I will not violate any copyright laws by posting or distributing copyrighted materials.

Plagiarism (direct copying) is unacceptable. Therefore I will use any downloaded material in an appropriate manner in assignments, listing its source in a bibliography and clearly specifying any directly quoted material.

I will not reveal personal information, including names, addresses, credit card details and telephone numbers of others or myself.

I will not damage computers, computer systems or networks. Furthermore, if I discover any methods of causing such damage I will report them to a member of staff and I will not demonstrate them to others.

I will not attempt to change any computer, monitor or software settings on any college computers.

I will abide by the current sign-on procedures for access to the computer network, respect other student's work and not attempt to access other people's work on the network by using either alias's or passwords that are not mine.

The entire network is protected by anti-virus software. Students and staff are advised to use anti-virus software on home computers and laptops. If a virus is reported on screen, a member of staff should be informed immediately.

The Network Manager carries out daily network backups. I will, however, attempt to save my own work correctly, and use sensible file management techniques at all times.

E-mail will be available through the college's provider. I understand that when using this account, I will conform to the expectations set out in the points above.

I will not take digital photographs, or edit digital images of staff or students without their consent.

If I violate any of the terms of this agreement, I will be denied access to the Internet and/or computers for a time to be determined by the Director of ICT and may face further disciplinary action as determined by the Headteacher. I am aware that each case will be considered on its merits.