

WINCHESTER COLLEGE

USE OF COMPUTERS, COMPUTER GAMES & INTERNET SOCIAL NETWORKING

This policy should be read in conjunction with Annexe 4a (Cyber bullying) of the School's Child Protection Policy.

The use of computers and other electronic equipment allowing internet access must in the main be used only for educational purposes.

In accordance with Housemasters' instructions boys may bring a laptop computer (only) to School.

Computers may be used for:

Access to e-mails: and by boys in V Book and above for

- the production of word-processed documents
- specific and appropriate information research as directed by subject teachers and under their supervision
- the creation of power point presentations to be used in the classroom
- writing computer programmes
- manipulation of data on spreadsheets

Computer games may be played

- between 1825 and 1855 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday half-terms
- in the time between the end of Preces and bedtime, providing all the evening's work has been satisfactorily completed
- for not more than two hours on Sundays.

The School reserves the right to ban computer games which it deems inappropriate or damaging.

Internet social networking sites may be accessed only at the times set out above.

Pupils are responsible for everything done using their accounts and everything in their home directories.

The following actions are deemed illegal under The Computer Misuse Act 1990 and therefore a pupil must not:

- attempt to log onto the network with any username or password that is not his own, or change any other person's password, with the intent to use that account for unauthorized purposes
- reveal his password to anyone except the system administrator or classroom teachers (if necessary)
- use or possess any computer programme designed to reduce network security.

Any attempt to breach The Computer Misuse Act will be treated as serious.

Breach of this Code will lead to disciplinary action. Serious or repeated breaches may lead to dismissal.

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