



SUBJECT: Student Internet Safety Policy 2017-2018

Implemented: September 2017  
Next Review: Review 2018

## Introduction

At Westminster School- RAK the purpose of Internet use is to raise educational standards and to promote student achievement. Internet access is an entitlement for students who show a responsible and mature approach to its use.

Westminster School- RAK provides students with safe and secure Internet access as part of their learning experience. The school's Internet access is designed expressly for student use and includes filtering appropriate to the age of the student. Students are taught what is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use. They are given clear guidance on how to deal with inappropriate Internet content and are educated in the responsible and safe use of the Internet and other technologies through a range of strategies.

GEMS schools ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and by students complies with copyright law, students are made aware of plagiarism and issues relating to work research being undertaken for coursework.

SMART (E-Safety) rules are posted in various rooms around the school with Internet access and students are informed that network and Internet use is monitored.

## Responsibilities

The Principal, SLT and Middle Leaders are responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented fully.

The Principal and SLT are responsible for ensuring the policy is reviewed regularly. Staff are responsible for ensuring that students are aware of the Student Internet Safety policy and that they adhere to it. Where the policy is contravened they are responsible for taking appropriate action.

Staff have a particular responsibility to supervise use, plan access and set good examples.



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## Guidelines

We use the SMART rules with our students and staff. An excellent website for guidance on this subject and appropriate for Staff, Parents and children is

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/beinssmart>

Other excellent websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help/internet-use-and-safety>

<http://www.common sense media.org>

## SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

## MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

## ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems — they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

## RELIABLE

Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the Internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.

## TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

## Monitoring and Review

This policy has been discussed and agreed by Westminster School staff and leadership team for implementation,

Signed:

Date:

3/9/17.



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