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IT CHARTER FOR PUPILS & STAFF

Introduction

Please also refer to the charter on Internet, Networks and Multimedia Services, available for consultation at the Administration, the I.T room and the C.D.I.

1. Adherence to legislation

Legal requirements should not be forgotten in spite of the volume and ease with which information and internet content can be disseminated. The Internet, networks and provisions for digital communication are not lawless zones.

In addition to prohibitions against violating the fundamental values of the French national curriculum – in particular the principles of neutrality (religious, political and commercial) - the following are also forbidden and subject to sanctions

- Any violation to a person's right to privacy;
- Defamation and verbal abuse;
- Cyber-bullying in all forms
- Identity theft
- Inciting minors to commit illegal or dangerous acts, encouraging the corruption or depravity of minors, the use of any picture of a minor for pornographic ends, the distribution of messages with violent, graphic or pornographic subtext likely to be seen by minors;
- Encouraging the consumption of illicit substances;
- Inciting the perpetration of criminal acts and inciting suicide, inciting discrimination, hate (particularly racial hate) or violence;
- Justifying or eulogizing any crime, in particular murder, rape, war crimes and crimes against humanity; denying crimes against humanity;
- Counterfeiting brands;
- Reproducing, representing or disseminating intellectual property (for example: musical extracts, photography, literary passages, etc.) or benefitting from related rights (for example during the performance of a composer's work, audio or visual recordings, programs belonging to an audio-visual communications company) in violation of the author's rights, the owners of related rights and/or the holders of the rights to intellectual property;
- Copying commercial software for any use whatsoever, with the exception of one copy safeguarded in accordance with the terms set out by the holders of intellectual property.

2. Description of suggested services

The user may only use the computers and printers under the supervision of an adult. This applies both to software and the Internet.

3. Following the Law

The school is committed to stopping and mitigating any violation of rights by removing contentious/litigious material, or by rendering further access to it impossible.

4. Protecting pupils, especially minors

It falls to the school and its educational team to regulate any activity linked to the services it provides - particularly through constant monitoring of pupils' activities - so as to be in a position to intervene rapidly should any problems arise, and to notice and put an end to any behaviour likely to turn violent.

It is also the school and its educational team's responsibility to ensure, on a case by case basis, that the activities which it organizes are undertaken in a secure environment. Given their involvement and proximity to educational activities, it is up to teachers to ensure that the appropriate protection mechanisms are in place so as to safeguard children from illicit content (and any content which glorifies crime, theft, hatred, debauchery or any materials regarding crime/delinquency likely to negatively impact upon the children, as well as material which may inspire or entrench racial prejudice).

5. User's commitments

5-1 The user undertakes to refrain from voluntarily engaging in activities likely to disrupt the network's functions, or to willingly jeopardize the integrity of I.T resources.

Specifically, the user must commit to:

- not interrupting the day-to-day running of the network
- not developing, installing or copying programs designed to evade security measures or overload resources
- not introducing harmful programs (virus; Trojan; worm...)

5-2 The user undertakes to immediately inform the school of any loss, and any breach or anomaly regarding his/her personal access codes.

5-3 The user undertakes to refrain from diverging from his/her specific tasks and researches set by the teacher, as well as refraining from viewing any document with racist, xenophobic or pornographic content.

5-4 The user undertakes to refrain from consulting his/her personal email, with the exception of authorized members of Lycée staff.

Specifically, the user is not to connect to free email providers such as hotmail, yahoo, caramail etc., during the course of his/her work on the school network.

The user is not to visit discussion groups (chat rooms) without adult supervision.

The user undertakes to show common sense and responsibility towards the network and all I.T. resources so as to not burden the network through personal use.

The user accepts that the school retains full knowledge of information necessary to the network's administration (volume of traffic, incidents, type of traffic etc.) and will, if required, intervene urgently to prevent disruption to its services.

The school reserves the right to block access to its services in the event of excessive usage or any non-conforming behaviour as specified in the introduction.

This charter is not a substitute for the school's "règlement intérieur" or "School Rules", and thus violation of the principles set out or recalled in this charter may lead to a limitation or suppression of access to services, to disciplinary measures as stipulated in the school's rules and the French national curriculum regulations, and repercussions according to current English law.