Safeguarding Pupil Devices – Student & Parent Version

Introduction

Receiving a device that can be used at home will come with various safeguarding challenges. This document aims to reduce any concerns that you may have by letting you know how we intend to keep your child safe and secure online. The security settings, internet filtering service and monitoring solutions provided with the Chromebooks have been configured and implemented to support your school meet the Government's Keeping Children safe in education guidance and support the school's Safeguarding Policy.

Security

It will only be possible for your child's school account to be used on the Chromebook. To reduce the likelihood of theft, if a device is factory reset, they have all been configured to automatically reconnect to the school's cloud management service. If a Chromebook is lost or stolen your school will be able to update it, preventing anyone from using it and make it clear it should be returned to the school. This makes the devices worthless to anyone who might steal, sell or give away the device to a non-Ark student.

Hours of use

Your child's Chromebook will remain the property of Ark Schools. As a result controls are in place to ensure they are used within our guidelines, this includes restricting the hours in which the device can be used, and prohibiting the sites that can be accessed. You will not be able to access the device after 10pm as the device is for study and pupils should ensure they are getting enough rest and balancing work and life.

Monitoring

In the same way that computer use is monitored inside school, we have a safeguarding solution that can monitor the use of its devices and services wherever they are. This means anything that is typed or accessed on the device will be checked to see if it is appropriate. If it is identified as a concern the schools' Safeguarding teams will be notified and provided with a log of the incident. To support safeguarding teams the solution can capture text or pictures of what is on screen at the time.

There will be consequences for pupils who chose to use the device in an inappropriate fashion

The school reserves the right to prevent anyone from using the device and make it clear it should be returned to the school.

Internet Use

You will be able to connect the devices to home/personal/public WiFi networks. In order to protect pupils from inappropriate content Ark have subscribed to a cloud-based internet filtering service. This service works closely with the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) to make the internet a safer place for everyone. If a pupil comes across an inappropriate site, they will be presented with a block page informing them of why the site is unavailable.

Websites being accessed all get checked and categorized based on their content. If a site falls into one the groups below it will be blocked. If you believe a site has be blocked by mistake you can request that it is whitelisted by contacting your school.

Abortions	Gambling	Matrimonial	Remote Access Tools
Adult Mixed Content	Games	Network Timeout	Safe Search
Adware	Hacking	New URL	Search Engine
Age Restriction	Hate Speech	Nudity	Self Harm
Alcohol	Host is an IP	Occult	Social Networking
Body Modification	Humour	Open Mixed Content	Substance Abuse
Bullying	Infected Hosts	Pay to Surf	Terrorism
Child Erotica	Intimate Apparel	Peer to Peer	Tobacco
Child Sexual Abuse	Malicious Web	Phishing	Under Construction
Classifieds	Obfuscation	Phishing Hosts	Viruses
Copyright	Malware	Phone Cards	Weapons
Infringement	Malware Hosts	PIPCU	Web Chat
Criminal Skills	Marijuana	Pornography	Web Proxy
Extreme	Match Making	Profanity	

Guidance for Parents

If you notice changes in your child's behavior you should talk to them or contact your school.

There are lots of helpful resources available online that can help you support your child's use of technology. Below are some links that may be useful for you:

https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/ - Practical advice for parents

[Children's Commissioner's Digital 5 a day](#) – Five steps to better mental wellbeing

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

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