

### 1. Aims

#### Safeguarding at Barnhill Community High School

Barnhill Community High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

#### Online safety at Barnhill Community High School

Barnhill Community High School has a commitment to online safety to ensure that we:

- Deliver an effective approach to online safety, which empowers us to protect and educate the whole school community in its use of technology
- Have robust processes in place to ensure the online safety of pupils, staff, volunteers and governors
- Establish clear mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate an incident, where appropriate
- All students are safe from Child sexual exploitation, Radicalisation, Sexual predation and Cyber-bullying

### 2. Introduction

It is the responsibility of all users of the Barnhill Community High School's I.T. services to read and understand this policy. This policy may be updated from time to time, in order to comply with legal and policy requirements.

### 3. Purpose

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to provide a framework for such use of the School's IT resources. It should be interpreted such that it has the widest application and so as to include new and developing technologies and uses, which may not be explicitly referred to.

### 4. Scope

All students are bound by the provisions of its policies in addition to this Acceptable Use Policy. Barnhill Community High School seeks to promote and facilitate the positive and extensive use of Information Technology in the interests of supporting the delivery of learning, teaching, and innovation to the highest possible standards. This also requires appropriate and legal use of the technologies and facilities made available to students, staff and partners of the School.

### 5. Unacceptable Use

- a. The school's IT resources may not be used directly or indirectly by a User for the download, creation, manipulation, transmission or storage of:

- i. any offensive, obscene or indecent images, data or other material, or any data capable of being resolved into obscene or indecent images or material;
  - ii. unlawful material, or material that is defamatory, threatening, discriminatory, extremist or which has the potential to radicalise themselves or others;
  - iii. unsolicited “nuisance” emails;
  - iv. material which is subsequently used to facilitate harassment, bullying and/or victimisation of a member of the school or a third party;
  - v. material which promotes discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation;
  - vi. material with the intent to defraud or which is likely to deceive a third party;
  - vii. material which advocates or promotes any unlawful act;
  - viii. material that infringes the intellectual property rights or privacy rights of a third party, or that is in breach of a legal duty owed to another party; or
  - ix. material that brings the School into disrepute.
- b. The school’s IT resources must not be deliberately used by a User for activities having, or likely to have, any of the following characteristics:
- i. corrupting, altering or destroying another User’s data without their consent;
  - ii. denying access to the network and its services to other users.
- c. Users shall not:
- i. introduce data-interception, password-detecting or similar software or devices to the school’s IT resources
  - ii. seek to gain unauthorised access to restricted areas of the the school’s IT resources
  - iii. access or try to access data where the user knows or ought to know that they should have no access;
  - iv. carry out any hacking activities; or
  - v. intentionally or recklessly introduce any form of spyware, computer virus or other potentially malicious software.

6. Breach of this policy

If any of the above rules (or any additional rules that may be added are broken) then the privilege can be withdrawn immediately and permanently. Furthermore, breach of the rules that may constitute a criminal offence must and will be shared by the school with the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

By signing below, I understand the conditions in the above contract and the consequences of breaching this contract.

Student Name:	Student Form:
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Student’s name:	Parent’s name:
Student’s signature:	Parent’s signature:
Date:	Date: