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1. Aims

1.1 Policy Aims
Our College aims to:

- Ensure that all students and staff are aware of the opportunities and dangers provided by the ever expanding area of ICT and are best placed to protect themselves and use the equipment appropriately and safely.
- Identify and support groups of students that are potentially at greater risk of harm than others
- Have robust processes in place to ensure the online safety of pupils, staff and other stakeholders
- Deliver an effective approach to online safety, which empowers us to protect and educate the whole College community in its use of technology, including mobile and smart technology.
- Establish clear mechanisms to identify, intervene and escalate an incident, where appropriate in line with the College behaviour Policy.

1.2 The 4 key categories of risk

Our approach to online safety is based on addressing the following categories of risk:

- **Content** – being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, such as pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, antisemitism, radicalisation and extremism

- **Contact** – being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users, such as peer-to-peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes

- **Conduct** – personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm, such as making, sending and receiving explicit images (e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/or pornography), sharing other explicit images and online bullying; and

- **Commerce** – risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and/or financial scams

2. Scope of the policy

2.1 Scope
This policy is complementary to other Landau Forte College Derby policies, particularly those relating to Child Protection & Safeguarding, Promotion of British Values and Managing Student Behaviour.

It reflects existing legislation, including but not limited to the Education Act 1996 (as amended), the Education Act 2011, the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the Equality Act 2010.
This policy takes account of the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory safeguarding guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, and its advice for Colleges on:
- Teaching online safety in Colleges – January 2023
- Preventing and tackling bullying and cyber-bullying: advice for headteachers and College staff

- Relationships and sex education
- Searching, screening and confiscation
- Sexting in Colleges and Colleges: Responding to Incidents and Safeguarding Young People (2016)

It also refers to the Department's guidance on protecting children from radicalisation taken from the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
This policy also takes into account the National Curriculum computing programmes of study.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The Education Advisory Committee

The Education Advisory Committee has overall responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the Principal to account for its implementation.

The Education Advisory Committee will:
- Make sure all staff undergo online safety training as part of child protection and safeguarding training, and ensure staff understand their expectations, roles and responsibilities around filtering and monitoring.

- Make sure all staff receive regular online safety updates as required and at least annually, to ensure they are continually provided with the relevant skills and knowledge to effectively safeguard children.

- Co-ordinate regular meetings with appropriate staff to discuss online safety and will receive regular online safety reports via the Principal's report to Education Advisory Committee 4 times per annum. The committee member who oversees online safety is Steph Marshall Power.

- Ensure children are taught how to keep themselves and others safe, including keeping safe online.

With respect to Filtering and Monitoring systems, the Education Advisory Committee will ensure the school has appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place on school devices and school networks, and will regularly review their effectiveness in line with the DfE filtering and monitoring standards, discussing with leaders what needs to be done to support the College in meeting these standards, specifically:

- Identifying and assign roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems. The member of staff responsible for this is Mark Weaver – Systems Manager

- Reviewing filtering and monitoring provisions at least annually. This is conducted by the Online Safety committee

- Blocking harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning.

- Having effective monitoring strategies in place that meet their safeguarding needs.

All governors will:

- Ensure that they have read and understand this policy.

- Agree and adhere to the terms on acceptable use of the College's ICT systems and the internet.

- When devising and implementing their whole College approach to safeguarding and related policies and/or procedures, ensure that online safety is a running and interrelated theme.

- Ensure that, where necessary, teaching about safeguarding, including online safety, is adapted for vulnerable children, victims of abuse and some pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This is because of the importance of recognising that a 'one size fits all' approach may not be appropriate for all children in all situations, and a more personalised or contextualised approach may often be more suitable

3.2 The Principal

The Principal and Deputy DSL is Alison Brannick

The Principal is responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff understand this policy, and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the College.

- Monitoring all staff activity reported via the Smoothwall security software.

3.3 The Vice Principal & Designated safeguarding lead

The VP and DSL take the lead responsibility for Online Safety in the College, in particular (not exhaustive):

The Vice Principal and Deputy DSL is Mark Andrews

The DSL is Laura Principal. Details of other Deputy DSLs are in the College Safeguarding and Child Protection policies

- Supporting the Principal in ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the College.

- Working with the Principal, ICT Systems Management team and Heads of Year, as necessary, to address any online safety issues or incidents.

- Ensuring that any online safety incidents or any incidents of cyber-bullying are logged and dealt with appropriately in line with the College behaviour policy.

- Updating and delivering staff training on online safety.

- Liaising with other agencies and/or external services if necessary.

- Providing regular reports on online safety in College to Principal and/or Education Advisory Committee.

- Working with the Online Safety Group as well as staff responsible for the delivery of the curriculum to ensure what is taught remains relevant, pertinent and up-to-date with current trends, statutory and non-statutory guidance.

- Monitoring all student activity reported via the Smoothwall security software

3.4 The ICT Systems Management team

The ICT Systems Management team are responsible for (not exhaustive):

- Putting in place appropriate filtering and monitoring systems, which are updated annually and keep pupils safe from potentially harmful and inappropriate content and contact online while at College, including terrorist and extremist material.

- Ensuring that the College's ICT systems are secure and protected against viruses and malware, and that such safety mechanisms are updated regularly.

- Conducting security checks and monitoring the College's ICT systems.

- Blocking access to potentially dangerous sites and, where possible, preventing the downloading of potentially dangerous files.

3.5 The Online Safety Group

The Online Safety group comprises Vice Principal, Committee member, ICT Technical Systems manager, Curriculum leader for Personal Development and Curriculum Leader for Computer Science. The Online Safety Group is responsible for:

- Supporting the Principal and DSL in ensuring that staff understand this policy and that it is being implemented consistently throughout the College.

- Reviewing the College Online Safety provision annually using a recognised Self evaluation metric such as 360Safe.

- Working with the DSL as well as staff responsible for the delivery of the curriculum to ensure what is taught remains relevant, pertinent and up-to-date with current trends, statutory and non-statutory guidance.

- Providing regular reports on online safety in College to Principal and/or Education Advisory Committee.

3.6 Heads and Deputy Heads of Year

The Pastoral leads are responsible for:

- Ensuring that any incidents involving the mis-use of technologies are dealt with appropriately in line with the College Behaviour for learning policy.

- This includes any incidents relating to child-on-child abuse where technology is involved such as cyberbullying, online sexual harassment, upskirting and other incidents such as youth produced sexual imagery.

3.7 Learning Tutors delivering the taught sessions

The staff responsible for delivering the sessions are responsible for:

- Delivering the programme of study in accordance with the planned learning sessions.

- Liaising with Curriculum leads to ensure consistency of tuition.

3.8 All staff and volunteers

All staff, including contractors and agency staff, and volunteers are responsible for (not exhaustive):

- Maintaining an understanding of this policy.

- Implementing this policy consistently.

- Agreeing and adhering to the terms on acceptable use of the College's ICT systems and the internet and ensuring that students follow the College's terms on acceptable use.

- Working with the DSL/HOYs/DHOYs/Vice Principal to ensure that any Online Safety incidents or incidents of Cyber Bullying are dealt with appropriately in line with the College Behaviour Policy

3.9 Parents/Carers

Parents are expected to:

- Notify a member of staff (normally the Personal Tutor) of any concerns or queries regarding this policy.

- Ensure their child has read, understood and agreed to the terms on acceptable use of the College's ICT systems and internet.

Further guidance for parents on keeping children safe online can be found on the College website.

3.10 Visitors and members of the community

Visitors and members of the community who use the College's ICT systems or internet will be made aware of this policy, when relevant, and expected to read and follow it. They will be expected to agree, each time they login, to the Acceptable Use Policy in order to gain access to the College system.

4. Educating students about Online Safety

4.1 Curriculum Aims

Landau Forte College Derby is committed to the use of the Internet and other expanding technologies within education. Whilst the growth of digital information technologies is positive and provides many learning opportunities, it also carries with it potential risks if misused. As in any other area of their lives, students are vulnerable to risk and the College recognises how the internet can expose students to potentially harmful or inappropriate material, including Terrorist and Extremist content and other illegal material. The College, through this policy, will ensure that students are guarded against this.

By being better informed of the issues and potential risks, students will be more able to recognise when they might be in danger and to take proactive measures to safeguard themselves. Similarly, advances in technology offer new challenges for staff and it is equally important that they are mindful of both the risks and challenges, as well as the benefits to facilitating effective learning.

Under our duty of care, Landau Forte College Derby has the responsibility to use new technologies in order to equip students with the skills to access life-long learning and to further themselves in employment. To achieve this, the College has a commitment to provide superior ICT equipment and internet access, as well as clear guidance on its safe use, as part of the students' learning experience.

4.2 Curriculum specifics

There will be an age specific curriculum educating students in all aspects of safe online behaviour. Curricular provision will be reviewed regularly by the Online Safety Group in liaison with staff delivering the programme. At KS3, this will take place in Computing and RE & Values sessions. At KS4 and KS5, this provision will be mainly covered in Life Learning sessions.

At both Key Stages, Tutor time will also employed to deliver aspects of the Online Safety curriculum.

In addition to an age specific curriculum, the College will raise the profile of Online Safety through themed days, events and gatherings. These include Safer Internet Day and will involve a range of activities during Personal Tutorial Time.

Students will be taught:

- To understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy.

- To recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct, and know how to report concerns.

- To understand how changes in technology affect safety, including new ways to protect their online privacy and identity.

- How to report a range of concerns.

- To know their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online.

- About online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online.

- Not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them.

- What to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online within and outside of College.

- The impact of viewing harmful content.

- That specifically sexually explicit material (e.g. pornography) presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners.

- That sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties including jail.

- How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online.

- How to identify harmful behaviours online (including bullying, abuse or harassment) and how to report, or find support, if they have been affected by those behaviours.

- How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online).

- Never to give out personal details of any kind which may identify them or their location.

- To be critically aware of the materials they read using internet sources and shown how to validate information before accepting its accuracy.

- How to use Social media and more broadly the Internet safely.

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6. Educating parents about Online Safety

5.1 Educating Parents
The College will inform and empower parents/carers to be fully aware of their child's use of electronic devices and will raise awareness amongst parents/carers through:

- Letters or communication home.
- Incorporating online safety awareness into formal evenings and events over the course of an academic year.
- Providing links and guidance on the College Website, to where parents and students can get further support and guidance.

The College will let parents know:

- What systems the College uses to filter and monitor online use.
- What their children are being asked to do online, including the sites they will be asked to access and who from the College (if anyone) their child will be interacting with online.

If parents have any general queries or concerns in relation to Online Safety, these can be raised by sending an email to the dedicated email address onlinesafety@landau-forte.org.uk. Specific queries relating to their child should be raised in the first instance with their child's Personal Tutor.

7. Cyberbullying (see also Anti-Bullying Policy, Behaviour Policy)

6.1 Definition

Cyber-bullying takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites. Like other forms of bullying, it is the repetitive, intentional harming of a person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

6.2 Preventing and addressing cyber-bullying

- To help prevent cyber-bullying, we will ensure that students understand what it is and what to do if they become aware of it happening to them or others.

- We will ensure that students know how they can report any incidents and are encouraged to do so, including where they are a witness rather than the victim.

- The College will actively discuss cyber-bullying with students, explaining the reasons why it occurs, the forms it may take and what the consequences can be. This will be covered through RE & Values sessions, Gatherings, themed events/weeks and through Tutor time.

- In relation to a specific incident of cyber-bullying, the College will follow the processes set out in the College behaviour policy.

- Where illegal, inappropriate or harmful material has been spread among pupils, the College will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the incident is contained. The DSL will report the incident and provide the relevant material to the police as soon as is reasonably practicable, if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that possessing that material is illegal. They will also work with external services if it is deemed necessary to do so.

8. Personal Electronic Devices and College rules of Searching and Screening

7.1 Use of Personal Electronic devices including mobile phones (see also Behaviour Policy page 8)

Mobile phones and electronic devices must not be used/seen in College unless a member of staff has given direct permission for the mobile phone or device to be used in a lesson.

- Students must only use their mobile phones before the start (prior to 8.30am) and at the end of the College day (after 3.10pm). If a student is seen using their mobile phone without the permission of staff during the College day, staff will confiscate the phone and it will be returned to the student at the end of the day.
- The mobile phone will be passed to the PA to the Principal and the student will collect their mobile phone at the end of the day, 3.10pm.
- The member of staff confiscating the mobile phone will enter this information on SMHW. If a student has their mobile phone confiscated for a second time parents/ carers will have to collect their child's mobile phone from the College.
- Any student who continues to have their phone confiscated due to not following the College rules will face further sanctions which may include time in the Internal Exclusion Unit and/ or suspension from College.
- At no point, in lessons or at break times, should students use mobile devices to check social media accounts or take photographs or videos of staff or students – this would be a red incident.
- Any student found to be taking photographs or videos of students or staff will be placed in the College's Internal Exclusion Unit or will receive suspension.
- Any permitted use of mobile devices in College by students must be in line with the acceptable use agreement.

7.2 Examining electronic devices (see also Behaviour Policy page 15)

Landau Forte College Derby adopts the prevailing guidance from the Department for Education on screening and searching students. College staff can search students with their consent for any item.

The Principal and staff authorised by the Principal have the power to search students or their possessions, without consent, and confiscate any electronic device that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting:

- Poses a risk to staff or pupils, and/or

- Is identified in the College rules as a 'prohibited' item for which a search can be carried out, and/or

- Is evidence in relation to an offence.

Details on what constitutes a prohibited item is contained in the Behaviour Policy. Relating to Electronic devices, this may include (not exhaustive):

- Pornographic images.

- Images/ documents which challenge the ethos of the College or constitute a Hate Crime

Before a search, if the authorised staff member is satisfied that they have reasonable grounds for suspecting any of the above, they will also:

- Make an assessment of how urgent the search is, and consider the risk to other pupils and staff. If the search is not urgent, they will seek advice from Principal/Vice Principal or DSL.

- Explain to the student why they are being searched, how the search will happen, and give them the opportunity to ask questions about it.

- Seek the student's cooperation.

Authorised staff members may examine, and in exceptional circumstances erase, any data or files on an electronic device that they have confiscated where they believe there is a 'good reason' to do so.

When deciding whether there is a 'good reason' to examine data or files on an electronic device, the staff member should reasonably suspect that the device has, or could be used to:

- Cause harm, and/or

- Undermine the safe environment of the College or disrupt teaching, and/or

- Commit an offence

If inappropriate material is found on the device, it is up to the staff member in conjunction with the Principal/Vice Principal/DSL to decide on a suitable response. If there are images, data or files on the device that staff reasonably suspect are likely to put a person at risk, they will first consider the appropriate safeguarding response.

When deciding if there is a good reason to erase data or files from a device, the authorised staff member will consider if the material may constitute evidence relating to a suspected offence. In these instances, they will not delete the material, and the device will be handed to the police as soon as reasonably practicable. If the material is not suspected to be evidence in relation to an offence, staff members may delete it if:

- They reasonably suspect that its continued existence is likely to cause harm to any person, and/or

- The student and/or the parent refuses to delete the material themselves

If a staff member **suspects** a device **may** contain an indecent image of a child (also known as a nude or semi-nude image), they will:

- **Not** view the image

- Confiscate the device and report the incident to the DSL (or equivalent) immediately, who will decide what to do next. The DSL will make the decision in line with the DfE's latest guidance on [screening, searching and confiscation](#) and the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) guidance on [sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)

- Any searching of pupils will be carried out in line with:
- The DfE's latest guidance on [searching, screening and confiscation](#)

- UKCIS guidance on [sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people](#)

- The College Behaviour Policy

Any complaints about searching for or deleting inappropriate images or files on pupils' electronic devices will be dealt with through the College complaints procedure.

9. Acceptable Use of the Internet in College

All students, parents, staff, are expected to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the College's ICT systems and the internet. Volunteers, committee members and visitors will be expected to read and agree to the College's terms on acceptable use if relevant.

Use of the College's internet must be for educational purposes only, or for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of an individual's role.

We will monitor the websites visited by students, staff, volunteers, governors and visitors (where relevant) to ensure they comply with the above.

8.1 Acceptable Use Policies (Appendices 1,4)
The College will manage the use of systems through a robust Acceptable Use Policy (AUP):
- The College will ensure that the AUP (Appendix 4) is signed by every student and parent/carer of students at the college.
- Staff at the College will agree to abide by an AUP consistent across the Trust as part of their employment contract with the College (Appendix 1). They are required to verify that they continue to agree to the Trust AUP approximately every ten occasions they login.
- Inappropriate use of the College's ICT system by students will be dealt with in accordance with the College Behaviour policy.
- Inappropriate use of the College's ICT system by staff will be dealt with in accordance with grievance and disciplinary procedures (Section E of Staff Handbook).
- Visitors and staff administering evening classes are required to agree to an on-screen AUP each time they login to the College system.

10. Training

9.1 Staff Training

All new staff members will receive guidance, as part of their induction, on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues including cyber-bullying and the risks of online radicalisation.

All staff will receive ongoing refresher training as part of safeguarding training on several occasions over the year.

By way of this training, all staff will be made aware that:
- Technology is a significant component in many safeguarding and wellbeing issues, and that children are at risk of online abuse.
- Children can abuse their peers online through:
    - Abusive, harassing, and misogynistic messages.
    - Non-consensual sharing of indecent nude and semi-nude images and/or videos, especially around chat groups.
    - Sharing of abusive images and pornography, to those who don't want to receive such content.
- Physical abuse, sexual violence and initiation/hazing type violence can all contain an online element.

Training will also help staff:

- Develop better awareness to assist in spotting the signs and symptoms of online abuse.

- Develop the ability to ensure pupils can recognise dangers and risks in online activity and can weigh up the risks.

- Develop the ability to influence pupils to make the healthiest long-term choices and keep them safe from harm in the short term.

The DSL and Deputies will undertake child protection and safeguarding training, which will include online safety, at least every 2 years. They will also update their knowledge and skills on the subject of online safety at regular intervals, and at least annually.

Committee members will receive training on safe internet use and online safeguarding issues as part of their safeguarding training.

Volunteers will receive appropriate training and updates, if applicable.

More information about safeguarding training is set out in our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

9.2 Specific advice for Staff use of College E-mails

Staff will be trained in the appropriate and corporate use of electronic systems, specifically:

- E-mails will be used for college purposes only and use will be in accordance with the staff AUP (Appendix 1) and terms and conditions of employment.
- Staff will use a corporate signature for all e-mails sent to external agencies (Appendix 2)
- When sending e-mails to external agencies, staff will, where appropriate and in accordance with the GDPR and Data protection regulations, secure personal information and/or use secure e-mail access.
- In line with other communication, when e-mailing parents/carers staff will not disclose personal details of other students.

11.   Monitoring Arrangements

10.1 Monitoring the Online Safety Policy and provision
This policy will be reviewed every year by the Vice Principal and Online Safety group. At every review, the policy will be shared with the Education Advisory Committee. The College will conduct a yearly Online Safety Review that considers the College's response to the risks pupils face online. This is important because technology, and the risks and harms related to it, evolve and change rapidly.

10.2 Monitoring the use of College ICT systems
The College will manage web filtering, e-mail and portable storage. In addition, through subscription to Smoothwall security monitoring, the College monitors all key presses on College devices, receiving regular reports on anything concerning:

- The College will provide a web filter that will screen all student and staff usage of the internet.
- The filter will be set at a different level of sensitivity for students in KS3, KS4, KS5 and for staff and will block access to and prevent the downloading of inappropriate and potentially dangerous material. This filtering will be reviewed at least on a yearly basis by the Vice

Principal and DSL to ensure that the web filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.

- All use of the internet will be recorded and monitored by the Systems Management Team to ensure the continued safety and security of its users. Where inappropriate use of the internet is discovered, action will be taken in line with procedures in the College behaviour policy.
- The College will operate a virus checker on all e-mails and portable devices used on the system. The Systems Management Team will ensure that all measures to protect students/staff are reviewed and improved regularly.
- E-mails sent within the College and across the Trust will be secure. External e-mails will contain a trust-wide disclaimer (see Appendix 3)
- In the event that staff or students discover an unsuitable site, it will be reported to the Vice Principal/ICT systems management team.
- The Smoothwall monitoring team will alert the College to anything of concern that any user of a College appliance has typed in. The Vice Principal & DSL will deal with any issues from students and the Principal will deal with any issues arising from staff.

12.   Staff Using Work Devices outside College

Guidance will be provided for staff on the use and security of college laptops both in and out of College as part of the contract signed when college laptops are issued. This forms part of the Trust AUP.

13.   Protecting Personal/Sensitive Data

12.1 Secure Password Policy
The College operates a Secure Password Policy (Appendix 5) to emphasise that student and staff user areas and files are kept secure and Landau Forte College identities remain private.

12.2 ICT Security
Only authorised personnel will be able to edit data held on the systems and appropriate restrictions will be placed on certain folders to limit access to appropriate staff only, for example, folders containing child protection logs.

12.3 Adherence to GDPR
It is the responsibility of staff to ensure the security of any personal, sensitive, confidential or classified information contained in documents or software such as SIMS (see Appendix 6)

It is similarly the responsibility of staff to ensure the security of sensitive information that is either: faxed, copied, scanned, printed, FTP'd, emailed or held on an electronic device, such as a portable hard drive or memory stick. This is particularly important when shared printers/copiers or public areas are used.

14.   New and Emerging Technologies

New and emerging technologies will be researched by the Systems Management Team where they will be examined for education benefit. A risk assessment will be carried out before use in College is allowed.

The Online Safety group will meet regularly to discuss Online-Safety provision across the College.

15.   Use of Social Media and Staff Code of Conduct

14.1 Specific guidance on managing social networking and personal publishing:
- Landau Forte College will block student access to any social networking sites.
- Although unable to access social networking sites on the College's system, opportunities will be provided within the curriculum for students to discuss safe social networking in context. They will be advised on social network security, encouraged to deny access to unknown individuals and shown how to block unwanted communications for when they use social networking sites outside of College whether on mobile, tablet or PC device.
- The College will provide self-help guides for major social networking sites on the College website
- Instances where students have posted or sent inappropriate, offensive, abusive or explicit messages/photos will be dealt with the College Behaviour and Child Protection & Safeguarding policies. In accordance with legal requirements, sexually explicit images discovered will be reported to the Police by the Designated Safeguarding Lead, as per the guidance in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

14.2 College Social Media accounts
- The College operates a range of Social Media accounts including Twitter as well as accounts linked to major events such as World Challenge.
- No new College social media accounts are permitted to be created without permission from the Principal.
- For each account, the Principal (or designated staff member) will have sole responsibility in creating and moderating the content of what is posted to ensure it meets the same corporate standards as non-online forms of communication.

14.3 Staff personal use of Social Media (see also Staff Code of Conduct)
Staff have the right to their own personal Social Media accounts but should ensure that their use of personal Social Media accounts does not come into conflict with the principles of the Staff Code of Conduct: Staff should:
- Not engage in conduct outside of work which could seriously damage the reputation and standing of the College or the Trust's own reputation or the reputation of other members of the wider community that the College serves.
- Ensure their use of personal Social Media does not compromise their professional credibility.
- Avoid online contact outside of College with present students and with parents/carers of students.

- Exercise caution with online contact with ex-students, particularly where there may be existing connections to current parents or students at the College.
- Understand that it is an implicit condition of employment at the College that as staff, they owe a duty of loyalty to the College, the Trust and its ethos and values and this extends to their use of personal Social Media

14.4 Further guidance for staff

- Staff will not use technology in College to view material that is illegal, inappropriate or likely to be deemed offensive. This includes but is not limited to, sending obscene emails, gambling and viewing pornography or other inappropriate content.
- Staff will not use personal mobile phones and laptops or College equipment for personal us, in College hours or in front of students.
- Staff will not use personal mobile phones or cameras to take pictures/record videos of students.

Glossary of Terms
AUP – Acceptable Use Policy
ICT – Information and Communications Technology
FTP – File Transfer Protocol
SIMS – College Information Management System
Social Networking – Websites such as Facebook or Twitter where users set up a personal profile and can message/chat with other users as well as upload material.

Appendix 1 - Staff Acceptable Use Policy (LF Trust)

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Staff
Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

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This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) applies to all Landau Forte Trust Staff employed in any of its central functions or Academies, including any temporary staff, associate staff, contractors, and visitors. The agreement applies to anyone accessing any part of the Landau Forte Trust systems whether onsite, or remotely from offsite.

As an employee/representative of Landau Forte Trust, you may have access to confidential and potentially sensitive information stored on the Trust network and systems. You may also have access to other electronic devices supplied to you by the Trust such as Laptops, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), and Smartphone/phones. You are responsible for any Trust equipment in your care including your user account and email, their contents and activity.

You should not under any circumstances:

- Access, store, distribute or print material from any medium which:
  a) may bring the Trust name into disrepute
  b) may compromise the safety of the Trust, its students or employees
  c) may be deemed offensive to your colleagues
  d) is considered to be illegal or inappropriate
- Install, copy, or bring into Trust software which is not correctly licensed for use.
- Allow anyone else to access your user account, email, intranet or internet services.
- Allow anyone else to know your password.
- Change any computer files that do not belong to you or that you do not have access to.
- Plagiarise work without acknowledging the source.

The Trust provides fast and reliable internet and email access to all staff which has a filtering service that attempts to block illegal, unwanted and potentially offensive material. Content which passes these filters is not necessarily deemed to be acceptable by Landau Forte Trust. Therefore, if you find any material which is inappropriate, offensive, illegal, controversial, or which is generally not suitable for staff or students to access, please contact the Systems Support Team who will attempt to block it.

You are allowed to use the Landau Forte Internet and Email system for personal use outside of contracted hours, but you should not:

- Use the Internet or Email for any illegal or inappropriate purpose.
- Engage in any online activity that may compromise your professional responsibilities.
- Use impolite or abusive language.
- Violate the rules of common sense and etiquette.
- Send or receive copyright materials without permission.
- Use the Internet to bring into Landau Forte, in any form, materials that would be unacceptable on paper.

You are allowed to use the Landau Forte Internet and Email system for personal use, but you must:

- Only use the approved, secure email system for any Landau Forte business.
- Only use the approved Landau Forte email, VLE or other approved communication systems with students or parents/carers, and only communicate with them on appropriate business.
- Ensure that any private social networking sites/blogs/twitter accounts etc that you create, or actively contribute to, are not confused with your professional role. NB: access to Social Networks, e.g. Facebook, and personal email accounts is prohibited during your contracted hours.

If you need to use personal equipment on the Trust network (e.g. you are an MFL Assistant and need your own laptop as it is in your native language) please ensure that:

- It does not contain material which is deemed unsuitable or inappropriate, as outlined above.
- It has an antivirus checker installed, with the latest updates applied.
- Use personal digital cameras or camera phones for taking and transferring images of students or staff without permission, and also not store images at home without permission.

Landau Forte Trust reserves the right to:

- View user's email.
- View user's internet usage/history and where necessary, interrogate and analyse that information.
- View any files stored in user areas or shared areas on the Trust Network.
- View any material on Trust owned equipment *and to take appropriate action if these files contravene the policy as detailed above.*

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I understand that all Internet usage and network usage is logged and that this information could be made available to the Senior Leadership Team upon request. I understand that failure to comply with this agreement could lead to disciplinary action.

Appendix 2 - Formal College signature

<Name in Calibri pt 16>
<Job Title in Calibri pt 11>

Appendix 3 - External e-mail disclaimer

Landau Forte Charitable Trust (LFCT) is a company limited by guarantee. Registered in England No. 2387916. Registered Office: Landau Forte College, Fox Street, Derby, DE1 2LF. LFCT is an exempt charity. A list of the members' names is available for inspection at the above office or on the website.

Eco Colleges - Please don't print this email unless you really need to.

This email is private and confidential intended solely for the addressee. If you have received this message in error, please notify LFCT immediately using the 'contact us' details on the website and delete the email from your system. Any views or opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of LFCT.

LFCT may monitor incoming and outgoing email data and also the content of messages.

Email must not be treated as a secure means of communication.

Appendix 4 - Student Acceptable Use Policy

**ICT USER ACCOUNT
ACCEPTABLE
USE POLICY**

A. YOUR COLLEGE ICT USER ACCOUNT

1. As a Landau Forte College student, you have your own College ICT User Account on the College network. This facility enables you to electronically store and retrieve your work and importantly to access learning resources from both inside and outside of the College. To retain your ICT User Account you must comply with the terms of this policy.

2. YOU are responsible for the content of your user area and you MUST NOT under any circumstances:

   a. Allow anyone else to access your user account, e-mail or internet link or to know your password.
   b. Use anyone else's user account and/or password.
   c. Leave your login session unattended.
   d. Change any computer files that do not belong to you or that you do not have access to.
   e. Play or download games, music or other inappropriate or sensitive material.
   f. Plagiarise (copy) others' work without acknowledging the source.
   g. Bring hardware or software into College which has not been authorised for use.

B. INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

1. The internet and e-mail facilities are excellent resources and you are encouraged to use these in a constructive and positive way which will help both your learning and your communication with other users.

2. The College provides fast and reliable internet and electronic mail access with connections to other computer systems located all over the world. Therefore users must understand that the College cannot control the content of the information on these systems but we do use a filtering service which attempts to block illegal, unwanted and potentially offensive material. The College does not condone or approve of the use of such materials and will use its best endeavours to prevent access to all such inappropriate materials by using a filtered service and by regularly checking User Accounts including their Internet activity. Content which passes these filters cannot necessarily be assumed to be acceptable. If you find material which is inappropriate, offensive, illegal, controversial, or which is unsuitable, you should contact the Systems Management Team, or a Tutor, as soon as possible who will attempt to block access to and from that site.

3. When using your account you have a responsibility to help to protect yourself, other students and staff as well as the reputation of your College. Therefore YOU MUST NOT:

   a. Use the internet or e-Mail for any illegal or inappropriate purpose.
   b. Use impolite or abusive language.

c. Use unauthorised web mail sites. (You are provided with e-mail access from College).
d. Violate the rules of common sense and etiquette.
e. Send or receive copyright materials without permission.
f. Use the internet or e-mail system to bring into College, in any form, materials that would be unacceptable on paper.
g. Attempt to circumvent the e-mail and internet filters implemented by the College e.g. by use of proxy server.

4. Landau Forte College reserves the right to view your electronic mail, internet history and files stored in your user area, elsewhere on the College network or held on a personal storage device (including lap top computer or USB key)or mobile technology (including smartphone, tablet etc.) that is brought into College and is or has been connected to the network.

5. If your behaviour and/or the contents of your College ICT User Account contravene this Acceptable Use Policy then appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the College policy *Managing Behaviour through Rewards and Action.*

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read the ICT User Account Acceptable Use Policy and I understand that my activity on the College ICT network will be monitored. Monitoring will include:

a. All files stored anywhere on the College network plus any that are held on a personal storage device (including lap top computer or USB key) or mobile technology (including smartphone, tablet etc.) that is brought into College and is or has been connected to the network.
b. My Internet Activity
c. E-mails sent or received.

I understand that a breach of the Acceptable Use Policy may result both in the loss of privileges on the network and in further action being taken against me in line with the College policy *Managing Behaviour through Rewards and Action*

Signed by Student: _____

Signed by Parent/Carer: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ PT: _____

Date: _____   Year Group _____

WHEN SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE

Appendix 5 – Secure Password Policy

SECURE PASSWORD POLICY

This policy is complementary to other College policies, particularly the On-line Safety Awareness and Education policy.

Context

Landau Forte College Derby is committed to the use of the Internet and other expanding technologies within education. Under our duty of care, Landau Forte College Derby has the responsibility to ensure that all users of technology understand the risks and are able to take proactive measures to safeguard themselves.

This policy addresses the issues surrounding the safe and secure use of the College's ICT system.

Purpose

To ensure that all student, staff, governors and third parties that use ICT at the College are aware of the dangers of using an insecure password and are educated on how best to ensure that any passwords used are secure.

This policy applies to all students, staff, governors and third parties that have any form of ICT account requiring a password on the College network including but not limited to a domain account and email account.

Secure Password Requirements

Landau Forte College Derby operates a secure password policy which forces users of the College ICT system to choose a password meeting strict requirements. All passwords must be at least 8 characters and include at least 3 of the following 4 types of characters;

1. Lower Case Characters (e.g. abc)
2. Upper Case Characters (e.g. ABC)
3. Numbers (e.g 123)
4. Special Characters / Symbols (e.g. !?@)

The previous 10 used passwords cannot be used when changing a password.

Secure Password Guidance

In order to aid the creation of a secure password, the following guidance is issued:

- Think of a phrase that means something to you. Use the first letters of each word, changing some letters to upper case, and adding some numbers.
  For example: My favourite football team is Wolves = MffTiW12

- Don't just use one password for all systems that you use. Make passwords unique by adding a unique identifier for each system that you use.
  For example: MffTiW12Am for Amazon or MffTiW12Tw for Twitter

- Don't include any personal details which may be readily known to others
  For example: your street name, your birthday, names of pets, similar

- Avoid using dictionary words, as these are easy to guess and can quickly be cracked using computer software.

- Don't rely on simple alphanumeric substitutions to strengthen a password
  For example: 0 for O and 1 for i

- Don't use common sequences of numbers or letters
  For example: 1234567 or abcdefg

Maintaining a Secure Password

It is important to ensure that it is kept secure once it has been set. The following guidance is issued in order to ensure that passwords are kept secure:

- Protect passwords by making sure that nobody is looking over your shoulder when you enter them

- Never write down your password or store them on any unencrypted computer system

- Do not email or otherwise communicate your password to anyone

- Ask IT support to change your password if you have reason to believe that someone else knows it

- Be aware of 'phishing', when hackers create a copy of a legitimate website (such as an online banking website) and send an email to users asking them to update their details using the link provided.

Reporting Security Incidents

All security incidents should be reported immediately to IT support. These incidents include occasions when:

- A password may have been accidentally revealed

- It is suspected that access has been gained to a system by an unauthorised person

Appendix 6 – Managing Personal data - Guidelines for staff

MANAGING PERSONAL DATA – GUIDELINES FOR STAFF

Staff are reminded of their responsibilities with respect to managing the security and sensitivity of personal data.

1. Personal information should not be uploaded to any cloud storage providers. Secure storage facilities are provided in College.

2. If you are required to email personal information outside of the College, it should be secured with a password, which should be sent separately. You should take adequate steps to ensure that the information is being sent to the correct recipient and only the data required is being sent.

3. Personal information that needs to be transported using a memory stick, should be encrypted / password protected. If you are unable to use an encrypted / password protected memory stick, the files themselves should be password protected.

4. Personal information should not be taken off-site unless necessary.

5. Personal information should not be transferred onto a personal device. It should remain on College devices only.

6. Personal information should only be stored for as long as it is required. If you no longer have a need to store certain information, you should delete it.

7. Personal information stored on the College network should be stored in a location where only required personnel can access it. Saving personal information in a location where it can be accessed by unauthorised users is a breach of data protection laws.

8. Photos of students should not be shared without the permission of the student (This information is stored in SIMS). Photos of students under 16 should not be used alongside their full name. The sharing of student photographs should only be done via official channels ie. College official Website / Social Media / Newslink etc.

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