BSGC Acceptable Use of Technology Expectations

Introduction

BSGC recognises that the use of technology enhances students' opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and global citizenship. We are committed to helping students to access and use technology appropriately, including their personal responsibility.

The school's technological resources, including email and Internet access, are provided for educational purposes. Technology users are expected to comply with BSGC rules, act responsibly and honour the terms and conditions set by the teaching staff, and identified within the Acceptable Use Policy agreed with each pupil. The Acceptable Use Policy outlines the guidelines and behaviours expected by all users of the school's technologies or when using personally owned devices on the school's campuses:

- The BSGC network is intended for educational purposes.
- Technologies and devices covered by the policy include Internet access, desktop computers, mobile computers or devices, video conferencing, online collaboration apps, message boards, social media and email.
- Activity over the school's network may be monitored and retained.
- Access to online content via the network is restricted in accordance with school policies and firewalls.
- Students are expected to behave appropriately and respectfully online, as they would in-person.
- Misuse of school resources can result in disciplinary action.
- All users are responsible for their use of technology and agree to make every effort to avoid inappropriate content.
- Users must alert BSGC staff immediately of any concerns for safety or security.
- This Acceptable Use Policy applies to school-owned technology equipment and privately owned devices accessing the school's network, while on the school's sites, transport, trips or events.

In order to be effective in the application of our expectations, and to ensure that similar expectations apply at home and in school, the following guidelines are shared with all BSGC parents.

BSGC looks to parents for support with the following expectations:

1. Support the positive use of technology as part of daily school life, and as an integral tool for teaching and learning and to assist the smooth functioning of the school.

2. Promote and model the safe use of technology and the internet.

3. Monitor your child's social media use and support the school's social media expectations.

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4. Support the school's online safety expectations and Acceptable Use Policy.

This agreement is in place to ensure all children enrolled at BSGC are kept safe while online. If you have any further questions or would like additional advice, please contact your child's Head of Sector.

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