

## S K R PUBLIC SCHOOL - IT POLICY

S.K.R. Public School provides computers, networks, and Internet access to support the educational mission of the school and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff. The school believes that the resources available through the Internet are of significant value to the learning process and preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools place reasonable constraints for efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

All school computers remain under the control, custody, and supervision of the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activities by the students as well as teachers. Students should have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise students' use of the Internet, the school obviously cannot ensure absolute screening of all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with people outside the school. The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information that students obtain from the Internet.

The educational value of appropriate information on the Internet is substantial. However, the Internet is composed of information provided by the schools, colleges, institutions, companies, organizations and people all over the world and thus, also includes material that is not of educational value in the context of the school environment. Moreover, this information may be inaccurate, abusive, profane, or illegal.

Students are expected to use the resources in a manner consistent with the school IT policy and will be held responsible for its misuse in any manner. Additionally, parents should discuss with their children their own expectations for their child's Internet use. Home use of the Internet by students must be supervised and parents should be completely responsible for the student's use of the Internet resources at home. A daily time limit and an awareness of information retrieved from the Internet for home use is highly recommended.

Internet bandwidth is a limited and valued resource. Any activity that places unnecessary strain on this valuable resource is prohibited. These activities include downloading or uploading of music/video/movie files, accessing file sharing websites, torrents and webcasting/webinars.

### **Moral Responsibility**

It is a moral responsibility of each student and staff member to use IT infrastructure ethically and utilize these resources for growth of the education system and the community as a whole. Proper use of this infrastructure will help you to keep the system efficient, fast and effective to serve you in a better manner.

**“Behave as a Global Citizen and understand your responsibility as an individual”**

### **A. Computer and Internet use is a Privilege, Not a Right**

Student use of the school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, and not a right. Unacceptable use/activity may result in suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as additional disciplinary and/or legal action.

## **B. Acceptable Use**

Based upon the acceptable use guidelines as outlined in this document, the school will deem what is appropriate and inappropriate use of the system. In addition the school has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system.

## **C. Prohibited Use**

The user is responsible for his/ her actions and activities involving school computers, networks and Internet services and for his/her computer files, passwords, and accounts. Examples of unacceptable uses that are expressly prohibited include but are not limited to the following:

### **General Guidelines**

1. Do not use pirated/unauthorised versions of any software.
2. Do not download/use any software/files from unknown/unreliable sources.
3. Do not share your login-password or personal information like your address, email address or mobile number with anyone.
4. Keep the Operating System/All Software/Apps up to date with the latest updates.
5. Update the Internet Browser regularly and keep removing saved cookies/browser history. Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
6. Use the Incognito/Private/InPrivate Window option for accessing your accounts while using public computers.
7. Be careful while sharing pictures/videos/text messages on any public portal. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
8. On Social Networking sites, don't be friends with people you don't know in the physical world. Never meet up with people you have met online. Speak to your parents or teacher about people suggesting you do so.
9. While making any conversation online, respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.
10. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer and if need be tell a trusted adult immediately.
11. While conducting Online Inter-School/Intra-School Events, make sure that each platform like meets/team/discord/classroom/group/blog/fb/insta/twitter etc., a teacher incharge is required to supervise all the activities. All the participants should adhere to the code of conduct framed for the event, failing which the teacher has the right to remove participation without any conversation/intimation in this regard.
12. All the accounts are the responsibility of individual users. It is the responsibility of the individual to log out from their account(s) after completing work to avoid any unauthorized/illegal access.