Derrymount School
Student ICT Acceptable Usage and Internet Policy

This policy should be read through by the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) with the student and then signed by both parties. On signing you are agreeing to the terms of these policies for safe and acceptable use of any ICT equipment including internet resources within school .

On a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and it is imperative therefore, that users are held responsible and accountable for their use of the technology.

If you are unclear about any of the statements in this document or have any questions please contact the school and ask to speak to a member of staff.

Please make sure that the reply form at the end of this document is returned to Derrymount School.

Aims of Student's Acceptable Use Policy

To ensure students understand how to be responsible for their account.

To raise students' awareness of acceptable ICT use within society (morals, ethics etc).

To play a pivotal part in keeping our students safe online.

The Students' Acceptable Use Policy

1 At Derrymount School our network is monitored and all activity is traceable. However we expect all our students to be responsible for their own behaviour on the computers and internet just as they are anywhere else in the school. This includes the materials they choose to access and the language they choose to use.

2 Students will log onto the computers using their allocated username and own password, which they will keep secret. Students must not use the username and password of someone else to log onto a computer or to gain access to the internet or other peoples' files. If they have not been given or forgotten their username and password the administrator will issue a new one.

3 Students using the World Wide Web are expected to not deliberately seek out offensive materials, or use proxy sites to gain materials or access to sites blocked by the school's filter. Should any student encounter any such material accidentially, they should immediately report it to a member of staff.

4 Students are expected NOT to use any rude / offensive language in any email or use email as a tool for bullying.

5 The use of Internet Chatrooms or social networking sites is NOT allowed at any time unless it is part of a planned supervised lesson using an educational moderated site.

6 No software, MP3 files or any other copyrighted material may be downloaded or installed onto the computer from the internet or any portable media device.

7 Transmission of any material in violation of United Kingdom or any other National laws is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade laws. This also includes material which seeks to draw students into terrorism. (Prevent Strategy).

8 Personal printing is not allowed on the school network.

9 Personal information such as addresses, telephone numbers or any information that would identify who they are should NEVER be given out on the internet or by email to anyone. Students should never arrange to meet people they don't know unless this is part of an arranged school project.

10 Under no circumstances should students attempt to gain access to network servers or systems or change computer configuration settings or passwords. Anyone found doing so may have access to the school's computer system and resources removed.

11 All school ICT equipment must remain on the academy premises unless permission has been given by the head teacher and the appropriate loan sheets signed.

12 Students may NOT use pictures/photographs or personal details of another person for use on web pages.

13 Serious misconduct could lead to a fixed term exclusion and possible police involvement.

Student Acceptable Use Policy
Acceptance Reply Form

We the undersigned

have read and accept the conditions of ICT use at Derrymount School.

Student acceptance:-
Student name (printed):

Tutor group:
Date:

Student signature:
Parent / Guardian acceptance
Parent /Guardian Signature

Students, who consistently choose not to comply with this policy, will be warned and subsequently may be denied access to the internet and ICT resources including external access. Serious misconduct could lead to exclusion and possible police involvement.