



Countesthorpe  
Academy

## ICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS 2025 - 2026

*Policy Reviewed and Adopted by the Governing Board on:*

*Signed (Chair of Local Governing Board):*

*Date of Next Review:*

*Responsible Officer:*

*September 2025*

*Mrs A Melville*

*September 2026*

*Mr S Knott*

Countesthorpe Academy recognises the importance of ICT in education and the needs of students to access to appropriate and high quality provision. We ask that all students adhere to these rules when using school equipment, including one to one devices.

These rules will keep everyone safe and help us to be fair to others.

1. I will only use the school's computers, laptops, iPads and other IT for appropriate school activities and learning and I am aware that the school can monitor my internet use.
2. I will not bring files into school that can harm the school network or be used to circumvent Academy security tools
3. I will only edit or delete my own files and not view, or change, other people's files or user areas without their permission.
4. I will keep my logins, IDs and passwords secret. If I think my login details are known by someone else, I will tell my teacher immediately.
5. I will use the Internet responsibly and will not visit web sites that are inappropriate for the school or my key stage.
6. I will only e-mail or contact people I know, or those approved as part of learning activities
7. The messages I send, or information I upload, will always be polite and sensible. All messages I send reflect on me and the school.
8. I will be careful when opening files and attachments, checking for viruses etc where appropriate. If I am unsure, I will never open a file.
9. I will not give my personal information that could be used to identify me, my family or my friends in any online space.
10. I will never arrange to meet someone I have only ever previously met on the Internet or by email or in a chat room / social media site.
11. If I see anything I am unhappy with or receive a message that makes me feel uncomfortable, I will not respond to it and report it to a teacher or member of staff.
12. I am aware that some websites, games and social networks have age restrictions, and I should respect this.
13. I am aware that my online activity should never upset or hurt other people and that I should not put myself at risk.
14. I will receive an allocation of printer credits every half term from the Academy that I will use responsibly for printing out school work related tasks.
15. I will pay for malicious damage I cause to ICT equipment, environment and systems
16. I will not enter an IT room without a teacher
17. If I connect my own device to the Academy network, I agree that the same rules above will apply

Students failing to follow these guidelines can expect an escalating scale of penalties, including permanent loss of access regardless of the study requirements of the student.