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# Strathearn School

## Use of Personal ICT Devices in School – 6<sup>th</sup> Form: Conditions and Agreement

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## Introduction

Strathearn School recognises that internet enabled devices play an increasing role in today's society and can be valuable tools in an educational environment. While the school will continue to provide extensive ICT facilities, including access to various computer suites and laptops in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Study, we understand that some pupils would prefer to work on their own personal laptop or tablet. This document sets out the conditions under which girls in 6<sup>th</sup> Form may bring their own devices into school to use on the school's wireless network. The aim of this policy is to enhance learning and achievement as well as to prepare them for the level of digital competency they will require in the world beyond school.

## The School Network

By signing up to the terms of this agreement students can only bring devices into school if they are connected to the school's C2K wireless network which has filtered and monitored internet access. Students will be provided with instructions on how to access the network. No devices should be connected to any other network, including through a personal mobile device, while in school.

### Conditions for use of the school C2K wireless network:

1. Students can use their own devices to access internet-based resources during study periods. They may only be used during lessons with the explicit permission of the classroom teacher.
2. The purpose of personal devices at school is to support broader learning during lessons and independent study. Using the device for other reasons e.g. games, social networking sites or messaging, is not allowed.
3. Students must not use such devices to record, transmit, or post any of the following: photos, audio, or video of any person(s) within school, without the explicit permission of the person or persons involved.
4. Students must not access/send any material of an offensive, obscene, pornographic, threatening, abusive or defamatory nature (including existing material stored on the device).
5. Students must not copy material that is protected by copyright, without prior permission from the copyright owner.

## School Liability

Students bring their devices to school at their own risk. They are expected to act responsibly with regards to their own device, keeping it up to date with antivirus software, operating system updates and as secure as possible. It is their duty to be responsible for the upkeep and protection of their devices. Strathearn School is not responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken while at school or during school activities
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school or during school activities
- Students must keep their devices in a secure place when not in use (e.g. a locked locker).

It is advisable to ensure that there is adequate insurance coverage to protect the device from any accidental damage, theft or loss. Please be aware that school staff will not provide any technical support on either hardware or software.

## Consequences for abuse of this Agreement

If a student breaches these conditions, they will be dealt with in accordance with our Positive Behaviour Policy.

Breaches of conditions 1 and 2 will incur a misconduct 2(n), the device will be confiscated and placed in reception until 3.30pm that day. Breaching conditions 3 and 4 will incur a misconduct 3 (k and m) which will mean an automatic detention. The Principal reserves the right to review a sanction where the specific nature of the misconduct is one which is not currently prescribed in our Positive Behaviour Policy.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental Agreement

I permit my daughter to use her own internet enabled device at school for educational purposes only.

I have read and accept the conditions for allowing students in 6<sup>th</sup> Form to bring their own device to school. I understand that she will be wholly responsible for the security and maintenance of the device while she is in school/ involved in any school-related activity/travelling to and from school.

I am aware of the strict filtering system that operates on the school's network and that action will be taken if inappropriate material is detected on any device brought into school by a student.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Agreement

I have read and accept the conditions for allowing my use of my own device in school. I will adhere to these conditions and understand the consequences if I do not.

I understand that I will be wholly responsible for the security and maintenance of the device while it is in school/ involved in any school-related activity/travelling to and from school.

I am aware of the strict filtering system that operates on the school's network and that action will be taken if inappropriate material is detected on any device brought into school by a student.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student) Date: \_\_\_\_\_