

6th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to remind you of the **Student Home Learning Device agreement** form that both yourself and your child would have signed if and when you received a Chromebook.

The first paragraph states that ***'The device provided should only be used when it is appropriate to support teaching and learning'*** and Point 9 also states that ***'I understand that internet access and the device use may be subject to filtering and monitoring.'***

Schools have a responsibility to monitor students internet usage whilst on site in order to prevent them viewing any harmful or inappropriate materials. This also extends to the internet usage that they may view on a school's device at home.

If students type in anything to the internet that could be considered racist, bullying, violent, harmful, etc – the school is alerted by 'smoothwall' which is our online internet monitoring service.

Students are being reminded about this during assemblies this week and I ask you to also monitor your child's internet usage and remind them that school devices should only be used for school work in order to support their learning.

I am enclosing the **Student Home Learning Device agreement** at the bottom of this letter for your reference.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Kind regards



Mr Arthur Barzey
Headteacher



STUDENT HOME LEARNING DEVICE LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT

The equipment and accessories detailed overleaf have been loaned to your child while they are attending one of the schools forming part of the North Star Community Trust (NSCT, the Trust, the School) and is intended for use as part of the daily life of home-schooling. The device provided should only be used when it is appropriate to support teaching and learning.

This loan is subject to the terms and conditions listed below. Failure to adhere to these terms will result in the loan being terminated early.

The loan and accompanying terms and conditions are subject to review/amendment on a regular basis and can be withdrawn at any time.

1. The equipment and accessories provided with it remain the property of the Trust and is strictly for your child's sole use in support of home learning.
2. I agree to treat the laptop with due care and keep the laptop in good condition, not leave the laptop unattended or unsecured and avoid food and drink near the device.
3. I agree to only use software licensed by the Trust and to not install any additional software on the device without prior authorization from Trust.
4. I accept that certain policies are applied to Trust devices for my benefit and protection to also protect the integrity of the Trust computer network and agree not to circumnavigate or disable these restrictions.
5. Should any faults occur, I agree to notify the School as soon as possible, so that they may undertake necessary repairs. Under no circumstances should I or anyone other than the IT Department attempt to fix suspected hardware or any other faults.
6. I understand that occasionally the Trust will need to perform maintenance to the equipment provided and agree to return the device when requested for this to happen.
7. I will prevent ANYONE from accessing inappropriate materials on the device. I shall be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and accept that the school will check the usage of the device upon its return to school.
8. I will make sure the device is not used for any illegal conduct, or statements which are deemed to be advocating illegal activity and/or anti-social purposes, including access to inappropriate internet sites and chat rooms.
9. I understand that internet access and the device use may be subject to filtering and monitoring.
10. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK.
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>
11. I understand and support the commitments made by my child and I in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he and I have signed.