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What is E-Safety?

The internet and other technologies offer a great way for you to learn and expand your knowledge but you need to be aware of the dangers that can arise such as bullying via chat or email, obsessive internet use, exposure to inappropriate materials, inappropriate or illegal behaviour and physical danger of sexual abuse.

Park High School works incredibly hard to protect you from these dangers and we want you to read this clear statement on our school's e-safety practices very carefully so that you always work in an e-safe environment.

It is the responsibility of all at Park High school, whether staff or students to ensure e-safety so it is important that you understand e-safety issues and how to deal with them.

We have a students' Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which you are required to agree to each time you use school ICT equipment either in the school or remotely, which connects to the internet.

You must report any e-safety issues to a teacher, prefect/ peer mentor or parent.

You must always take responsibility for your own actions when using the internet and communications technologies.

At Park High school, our clear objective is to educate you within the classroom in the safe use of ICT and the internet. This is in order to eliminate any potential for e-safety issues occurring. You will receive specific e-safety lessons so that you know the dangers that exist and you are able to identify when you are at risk. We also educate you in e-safety practices so that your risk of becoming a victim to any of the dangers is minimised.

We will inform you about when, how and to whom you should report any instances if you believe your e-safety has been compromised. Do not feel embarrassed or humiliated if this happens to you; the important thing is that you report it to us.

You will find e-safety education information in all areas of the school.

The school monitors all students' ICT activity with the use of software, which helps us to identify any potential e-safety issues as well as breaches of our ICT terms of use. In addition, our ICT team will periodically review internet access logs to track any websites that could potentially present an e-safety issue. Your teachers will also monitor your ICT and internet use in the classroom.

Disciplinary action will be taken and various sanctions imposed, depending on the level of breach if you misuse your privilege of access to the school's ICT system.

All students will be instructed about responsible and acceptable use and given strategies to develop 'safe behaviours'. Pupils are required to sign an age appropriate e-safety / acceptable use form.

Above all, stay safe and always use the school's ICT resources responsibly and wisely.