



# BEACON HIGH



## Understanding E-Safety Parent/Carer Guide

The internet has become an important research tool that can support students' learning. At Beacon High we have a wide range of computer facilities to support learning and teaching. Students have access to the internet and e-mail during some lessons, in the library, at clubs and after school in study support sessions. We have good Wi-Fi coverage across the school and students are taught how to use ICT safely both at home and in school.

### Security

We have a secure network that includes filtering systems that prevent access to illegal and offensive material. Students are taught about the dangers of internet use and the safety rules they must follow. We encourage parents/carers to monitor and supervise internet use at home and also be aware that smartphones have internet access too. The school network is monitored by sophisticated software that tracks and records activity on the Internet and is used to prevent Cyber Bullying.

### Students' E-Safety

Transferring Copyright material onto the school's systems is strictly prohibited, including the running of computer programmes. The following rules apply in school:

- ⇒ Use common sense when researching on the internet, almost anyone can publish material therefore everything you read may not necessarily be true.
- ⇒ Always make sure you have permission from a teacher or parent/carers before you use the internet.
- ⇒ Keep your password private and never access or login to accounts that are not yours.
- ⇒ Never give personal information (address, phone number, email address) in any email communication or website.
- ⇒ Do not send, download or display offensive messages or pictures.
- ⇒ Do not write racist or any other type of offensive comments.
- ⇒ Do not respond to inappropriate emails, ignore them and inform your teacher or parent/carers.
- ⇒ Never arrange to meet anyone as a result of email correspondence.
- ⇒ Do not damage computer equipment or systems.
- ⇒ Ensure that your home computer is protected with suitable security software.

Safe and suitable resources are available for school work through the school's Google Classroom, Show My Homework and LGFL resources.