

Acceptable Usage Policy 2023 - 2024



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ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY

Introduction

At Pace Modern British School, we believe that the incredible value for technology and information network is an educational resource which will surpass the potential risk with appropriate E- Safe knowledge to our children. We want to foster our students to thrive in the 21st Century with the state of art facilities to accomplish their goals by ensuring their online safety as a top priority. In PMBS, we feel that access to the tools and resources digital world is required to progress. Hence, Policies are determined to safeguard the internet usage for staff and students as per the e-safety precautionary measures.

An ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY (AUP) is a contract between the student and school that intends to retain and follow online cautiously. This rule allows them to explore the digital world as part of their education instead of accessing undesirable or unsafe sites.

The two main keys of AUP are:

- Secure students from the negative content of the internet and help to determine the use and effects with each other.
- Provide students with right to use digital media that supports in engage learning.

With AUPs, students agree to the responsibility of online and digital device usage.

Acceptable use policies are an essential part of the framework of information security policies. Hence, it is common practice to ask members of the organization to agree with AUP prior to the given access. It is to be clear that the most relevant points about do's and don'ts for the users are cleared with the IT system of the organization. It should refer users to the more all-inclusive security policy where relevant. It should also be defined with what authorization will be applied if a user breaks the AUP.

Goals and Objectives of AUP:

- Alerts the users to be accountable and associates with efficient and ethical use for technology resources.
- To ensure safe and responsible use of the internet for all school stake holders.
- To orient parents, students and teachers about the internet potential as a learning resource.
- Type of devices permitted.
- Appropriate rules for those using own systems.
- To orient the staff with instructions for using the school owned systems.

At PMBS, the following are the set of Acceptable Usage Policy and guidelines mandatory to all the students at the school:

- Use only allotted accounts.
- Abstain from disclosing personal data about themselves as well as others.
- Students are oriented about acceptable and unacceptable Internet use.
- Students are taught about the safe use of the Internet by the computer faculties.
- Students are provided information to report immediately if they find unethical.
- Every student and staff must be aware about the significance of secret code security and the necessity to ensure log out after each use.

As per the policy freedom, if the student fails with any of the user's privacy and confidentiality use of the school's technology resources will be dismissed as the School disciplinary measures. At PMBS, we have strong set of Acceptable Usage Policy and guidelines mandatory to all the students:

Acceptable Use:

- I will be responsible and will ensure maximum care while using the school IT equipment and use it wisely.
- I will only use school technology for educational purpose.
- I will have only positive and constructive discussion if allowed to use collaborative tools.
- I will inform teachers or staff members of the school immediately if I notice any harmful content.
- I will always use school equipment at appropriate time and place and for educational searches only.
- I will restrict sharing my username and password.

Unacceptable usage

Trying to find unsuitable pictures or content determined to seek unfitting images or content is against the policy.

Involving in cyber bullying and inappropriate behavior towards others.

Acknowledging and agreeing to meeting online strangers.

Violation of the policy will lead to:

- If any school member violates the e-safety guidelines, disciplinary measures will be taken according to the code of conduct.

Screening and Monitoring:

- School management and the authorized employees will have a right to monitor the resources in terms of policy guidelines.
- School management will investigate and disclose if the information is found on school's network to safeguard the personal data.