

# **Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard** **Acceptable Use Policy** **September 2025 - 2026**

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# Learner Acceptable Use of Technology

## Early Years and Key Stage 1 (0-6)

I understand that the academy Acceptable Use Policy will help keep me safe and happy online.

- ☐ I only use the internet when an adult is with me.
- ☐ I only click on links and buttons online when I know what they do.
- ☐ I keep my personal information and passwords safe.
- ☐ I only send messages online which are polite and friendly.
- ☐ I know the academy can see what I am doing online when I use academy computers, Ipads and Chromebooks.
- ☐ I always tell an adult if something online makes me feel upset, unhappy, or worried.
- ☐ I can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) to learn more about keeping safe online.
- ☐ I am careful with how I handle my Chromebook, where I leave my Chromebook, and how I treat it; I keep it clean, free from stickers and away from food and drink.
- ☐ I know that if I do not follow the rules:
  - ☐ My access to technology could be taken away
  - ☐ I may receive a consequence in line with the academy's behaviour policy/code of conduct
  - ☐ My parents may have to pay for deliberate damage to devices.
- ☐ I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.

**Signature of Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Carer:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Learner Acceptable Use of Technology**

## **Key Stage 2 (7-11)**

I understand that the academy Acceptable Use Policy will help keep me safe and happy online at home and at academy.

### **Safe**

- ☐ I will behave online the same way as I behave in the classroom.
- ☐ I only send messages which are polite and friendly.
- ☐ I will only post pictures or videos on the internet if they are safe and appropriate, and if I have permission.
- ☐ I only talk with and open messages from people I know.
- ☐ I will only click on links if I know they are safe.
- ☐ I know that people I meet online may not always be who they say they are. If someone online suggests meeting up, I will immediately talk to an adult.

### **Learning**

- ☐ I only use my own allocated school Chromebook for school work and learning unless permission is granted by a school adult to use a different device e.g. my Chromebook is broken and I use a borrowed device.
- ☐ I work respectfully when working collaboratively on a document, requesting permission from the owner before deleting or editing their content.
- ☐ I always have permission from a school adult before using the internet.
- ☐ I only use websites and search engines that my teacher has chosen.
- ☐ I use academy devices for academy work unless I have permission otherwise.
- ☐ If I need to learn online at home, I will follow the school's remote learning AUP.

### **Trust**

- ☐ I know that not everything or everyone online is honest or truthful.
- ☐ I will check content on other sources like other websites, books or with a trusted adult.
- ☐ I always credit the person or source that created any work, images, or text I use. This includes AI.

### **Responsible**

- ☐ I keep my personal information safe and private online.
- ☐ I will keep my passwords safe and will not share them.

- ☐ I will not access or change other people's files or information.
- ☐ I will only change the settings on a device if a member of staff has allowed me to.
- ☐ I am careful with how I handle my Chromebook, where I leave my Chromebook, and how I treat it; I keep it clean, free from stickers and away from food and drink.

### **Understand**

- ☐ I understand that the academy internet filter is there to protect me, and I will not try to bypass it.
- ☐ I know that all academy devices and systems are monitored to help keep me safe, including when I use them at home.
- ☐ I have read and talked about these rules with my parents/carers.
- ☐ I can visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) to learn more about being safe online.
- ☐ I know that if I do not follow the academy rules then:
  - ☐ My access to technology could be taken away
  - ☐ I may receive a consequence in line with the academy's behaviour policy/code of conduct
  - ☐ My parents may have to pay for deliberate damage to devices.

### **Tell**

- ☐ If I see anything online that I should not or that makes me feel worried or upset, I will minimise the page and tell an adult straight away.
- ☐ If I am aware of anyone being unsafe with technology, I will report it to a teacher or teaching assistant.
- ☐ I know it is not my fault if I see or someone sends me something bad online. I always talk to an adult if I am not sure about something or if something happens online that makes me feel worried or frightened.

**Signature of Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Carer:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Learner Acceptable Use of Technology**

## **Learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

### **Learners with SEND functioning at Levels P4 –P7**

- ☐ I ask a grown up if I want to use the computer
- ☐ I make good choices on the computer
- ☐ I use kind words on the internet
- ☐ If I see anything that I do not like online, I tell a grown up
- ☐ I know that if I do not follow the academy rules then:
  - ☐ My access to technology could be taken away
  - ☐ I may receive a consequence in line with the academy's behaviour policy/code of conduct

### **Learners with SEND functioning at Levels P7-L1**

(Based on Childnet's SMART Rules: [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com))

#### **Safe**

- ☐ I ask a grown up if I want to use the computer
- ☐ I do not tell strangers my name on the internet
- ☐ I know that if I do not follow the academy rules then:
  - ☐ My access to technology could be taken away
  - ☐ I may receive a consequence in line with the academy's behaviour policy/code of conduct

#### **Meeting**

- ☐ I tell a grown up if I want to talk on the internet

#### **Accepting**

- ☐ I do not open messages or emails from strangers

#### **Reliable**

- ☐ I make good choices on the computer

#### **Tell**

- ☐ I use kind words on the internet
- ☐ If I see anything that I do not like online, I will tell a grown up

## **Learners with SEND functioning at Levels L2-4** (Based on Childnet's SMART

Rules: [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com))

### **Safe**

- ☐ I ask an adult if I want to use the internet
- ☐ I keep my information private on the internet
- ☐ I am careful if I share photos online
- ☐ I know that if I do not follow the academy rules then:
  - ☐ My access to technology could be taken away
  - ☐ I may receive a consequence in line with the academy's behaviour policy/code of conduct

### **Meeting**

- ☐ I tell an adult if I want to talk to people on the internet
- ☐ If I meet someone online, I talk to an adult

### **Accepting**

- ☐ I do not open messages from strangers
- ☐ I check web links to make sure they are safe

### **Reliable**

- ☐ I make good choices on the internet
- ☐ I check the information I see online

### **Tell**

- ☐ I use kind words on the internet
- ☐ If someone is mean online, then I will not reply. I will save the message and show an adult
- ☐ If I see anything online that I do not like, I will tell a teacher or member of staff

# Acceptable Use of Technology Policy and Forms

## Parents/Carers

### Parent/Carer AUP Acknowledgement

#### Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard Learner Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

- ☐ I, with my child, have read and discussed Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard's learner acceptable use of technology policy (AUP) and understand that the AUP will help keep my child safe online.
- ☐ I understand that I will be responsible for contribution and potential repair/replacement costs if a device is deliberately or maliciously damaged.
- ☐ 1:1 devices remains the property of the Trust unless full ownership is transferred at the end of the lease period
- ☐ I understand that this AUP applies to my child's use of academy devices and systems on site and at home, and personal use where there are safeguarding and/or behaviour concerns.
- ☐ I am aware that any use of academy devices and systems is monitored for safety and security reasons to keep my child safe and to ensure policy compliance (Smoothwall). This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection, privacy, and human rights legislation.
- ☐ I am aware that the academy mobile technology policy states that my child cannot use personal mobile phone technology on site and won't connect to the academy WiFi.
- ☐ I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to access remote learning if the academy is closed for any reason. I will ensure my child's access to remote learning is appropriately supervised. When accessing video learning, I will ensure they are an appropriate location (e.g. not in bed) and that they are suitably dressed.
- ☐ I understand that the academy will take every reasonable precaution, including implementing appropriate monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure my child is safe when they use academy devices and systems. I understand that the academy cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet or if my child is using mobile

technologies.

- ☐ I, with my child, am aware of the importance of safe online behaviour and will not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset, threaten the safety of or offend any member of the academy community.
- ☐ I understand that the academy will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the AUP or have any concerns about my child's safety.
- ☐ I will inform the academy or other relevant organisations if I have concerns over my child's or other members of the academy communities' safety online.
- ☐ I know that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of academy.
- ☐ I will support the academy online safety approaches. I will use appropriate parental controls and will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and other technology at home, as appropriate to their age and understanding.

Child's Name..... Child's Signature ..... (if appropriate)

Class..... Date.....

Parents Name.....

Parents Signature..... Date.....



# Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

## Remote Learning and Online Communication - Staff

### Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard Staff Remote Learning AUP

The Remote Learning Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is in place to safeguard all members of Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard's community when taking part in remote learning.

#### Leadership Oversight and Approval

- ☐ Remote learning will only take place using approved Trust digital platforms.
- ☐ Staff will only use academy managed or specific, approved professional accounts with learners and/or parents/carers.
- ☐ Staff will use work provided equipment e.g. an academy laptop, tablet, or other mobile device. Where this is not possible alternative devices must be agreed by IT Services.
- ☐ Online remote contact with learners and/or parents/carers will not take place outside of the operating times as defined by SLT:
  - ☐ 08:15am - 3:45pm
- ☐ All remote lessons will be formally timetabled; a member of SLT is able to drop in at any time.
- ☐ Live streamed remote learning sessions will only be held with approval and agreement from the Principal/a member of SLT.

#### Data Protection and Security

- ☐ Remote learning delivered on Google Meet should not be recorded if students or other members of staff are in the recording (this is when they speak) unless there is an immediate safeguarding concern. Any recording should then be shared with the DSL and the normal safeguarding procedures followed.
- ☐ Any recording must be edited for GDPR reasons before sharing with students.
- ☐ Recordings should be deleted after 30 days or moved to a Google Shared Drive.

#### Session Management

- ☐ Individuals from outside the academy should not be admitted to a call unless agreed in advance with SLT.
- ☐ Do not admit any requests to join the call from anyone who has a Trust email account. They should be able to join automatically.
- ☐ Video calls should only take place and should follow these guidelines:
  - ☐ The teacher must be in an appropriate setting without distraction

- ☐ If not in an academy, the teacher must have a plain background or use an appropriate Google Meet background.
- ☐ The teacher should be dressed as they would be in school.
- ☐ When finishing a Meet call, the Teacher should always “End meeting for all”
- ☐ Use the Host controls in Google Meet as appropriate.
- ☐ Where live 1 to 1 sessions take place with students either a parent/carer or a second member of Academy staff must be present.
- ☐ Google Meet calls should use the Meet links in Google Classroom. Where this is not possible then a call should be set up at [meet.google.com](https://meet.google.com) and shared via email.
  - ☐ Call links must not be made public
  - ☐ Google Classroom Meet links should be reset if they become compromised.
  - ☐ Learners and/or parents/carers should not forward or share access links.
  - ☐ Learners are encouraged to attend lessons in an appropriate location where they are able to concentrate and with minimal disruption

### **Behaviour Expectations**

- ☐ Staff will model safe practice and moderate behaviour online during remote sessions as they would in the classroom.
- ☐ All participants are expected to behave in line with existing **academy** policies and expectations. This includes:
  - ☒ Appropriate language will be used by all attendees in all communications.
  - ☐ Appropriate attire
  - ☐ Neutral backgrounds free from personal detail e.g family photos
  - ☐ Staff will not take or record images for their own personal use.
- ☐ Staff will remind attendees of behaviour expectations and reporting mechanisms at the start of the session.
- ☐ Educational resources will be used or shared in line with our existing teaching and learning policies, taking licensing and copyright into account.

### **Policy Breaches and Reporting Concerns**

- ☐ Participants are encouraged to report concerns during remote and/or live streamed sessions:
  - ☐ If a child is reporting, this should be to the staff member or parent/carer (who should then report this to the school immediately).

- ☐ If a school staff member is reporting, this should be directed to the class teacher and a member of SLT immediately
- ☐ If inappropriate language or behaviour takes place, participants involved will be removed by staff, the session may be terminated, and concerns will be reported to a member of SLT and the DSL team.
- ☐ Inappropriate online behaviour will be responded to in line with existing policies such as acceptable use of technology, allegations against staff, anti-bullying and behaviour.
- ☐ Sanctions for deliberate misuse may include:
  - ☐ My access to technology could be withdrawn.
  - ☐ The breach will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedures of Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard
- ☐ Any safeguarding concerns will be reported to Julie Forsythe, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or another member of the safeguarding team, in line with our child protection policy.

**I have read and understood the Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for remote learning.**

Staff Member Name: .....

Date.....

# Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

## Remote Learning and Online Communication -Learner

### Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard Learner Remote Learning AUP

I understand that:

- these expectations are in place to help keep me safe when I am learning at home using Google Meet and Classroom.
  - I should read and talk about these rules with my parents/carers.
  - Video calls will only take place using Google Meet and during usual **academy** times.
  - My use of my Google account is monitored to help keep me safe and I understand a Google Meet call may be recorded.
  - I will not appear in any Google Meet recordings shared with other students.
2. Only members of Leigh Academies Trust can access Google Meet.
- I will only use my academy provided email accounts to access remote learning.
  - I will not share my login/password with others
  - I will not share any access links to Google Meet or Google Classroom with others.
3. When taking part in remote learning I will behave as I would in the classroom. This includes:
- Following the academy behaviour expectations
  - Using appropriate language.
  - Not taking or recording images/content without agreement from the teacher and/or those featured.
4. When taking part in live sessions I will: Mute my video and microphone if requested.
- Wear appropriate clothing and be in a suitable location.
  - Use appropriate alternative backgrounds if necessary.
  - Attend the session in full. If for any reason I cannot attend a session in full, I will let my teacher know.
5. If I am concerned about anything that takes place during remote learning, I will speak with my teacher or tell a parent/carer.
6. I understand that inappropriate online behaviour or concerns about my safety during remote learning will be taken seriously and will be dealt with using my academy's disciplinary procedure.

**I have read and understood the Leigh Academy Cherry Orchard Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for remote learning.**

Name..... Signed.....

Class..... Date.....

Parent/Carers Name..... (*If appropriate*)

Parent/Carers Signature..... (*If appropriate*)

Date.....