

## Online Safety Policy

NO Internet users shall visit Internet sites, make, post, download, upload or pass on material, remarks, proposals or comments that contain or relate to the following:

- Promoting discrimination of any kind
- Promoting racial or religious hatred
- Promoting illegal acts
- Pornography (including child pornography)
- Any other information which may be offensive to other students, teachers, staff or homestays.

The breadth of issues classified within Internet Safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk:

- **Content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - online pornography
  - ignoring age ratings in games
  - lifestyle websites (e.g. pro-anorexia/self-harm sites)
  - hate sites
- **Contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users. Examples include:
  - grooming
  - cyber-bullying
  - identity theft, including "fraud" and sharing passwords
- **Conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm. Examples include:
  - disclosure of personal information
  - digital footprint and online reputation
  - health and well-being (amount of time spent online)
  - sexting
  - copyright/ plagiarism

Student e-safety will be ensured by the following procedures:

- Internet access for students will require a login and password and the sites available for them to access will be restricted to exclude all inappropriate sites including, but not limited to, online pornography, gambling and gaming sites, or other sites with age restrictions.
- Internet access is monitored and any attempt to access restricted sites will be flagged to the DSL. All students will then be reminded of the School's Internet Safety Policy.
- Any reports or evidence of cyber-bullying will be investigated and dealt with accordingly.

Advice for staying safe online:

- Make sure you really know everybody on your 'friends' list. If you don't, you should 'unfriend' them or stop all contact with them.
- Don't give out private information you would normally just give friends, e.g. address.

Remember that it is easy to hide your real identity on the Internet; therefore, you should 'unfriend' or stop all contact with unfamiliar people.

- Make sure you know how to use and set privacy and security settings. If you need help, please ask your parent, homestay or teacher to help you.
- If you ever receive a message from a stranger, make sure you know what to do in these situations. If you need help, please tell a parent, homestay or teacher about them immediately. Do not send any messages to strangers.
- Do not arrange to meet somebody offline who you have only met online. Tell your parent, homestay or teacher if anyone tries to meet you.
- If people in your group of friends are ever unkind to each other, to you, or to other people, online or on phones, please tell your parent, homestay or teacher about it.
- If anyone at your school, or anyone else you know, has taken naked or sexy photos and sent them to other people, or if you have received photos like that, please talk to your parent, guardian or teacher about this.

### **Prevention of radicalisation and extremism - please also refer to our Prevent Policy**

Please be aware that you could be targeted for radicalisation because you are a student from another country. If you or any other students are approached by people with unwanted extreme opinions, wanting to get you involved, please let us know immediately and do not enter into any interaction with them.

Rose of York promotes democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We encourage students to respect one another and to respect and tolerate all differences. It is the school's responsibility to keep our students safe and equip them for life in a modern multi-cultural society.

Rose of York aims to create an environment where all students and staff feel safe and supported and we do not allow display or promotion of inappropriate materials or organisations. There is no place for the voicing of extremist views of any kind in our school, whether they are from external agencies or from internal sources - students, staff or homestay. Our students see the school environment as a safe place where controversial issues, if mentioned at all, can be explored safely and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this - the school has a duty to ensure this happens.

For more information about staying safe on the Internet and how to use it responsibly, please follow this link: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

**This policy is kept up to date and reviewed annually.**

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