

Technology Acceptable Use Policy - Senior School

This policy applies to all students attending the Stephen Perse Foundation (the '**Foundation**') Senior School (the '**School**').

Glossary

BYOD	Bring your own device
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Introduction

Technology is provided for students to complete homework, support their learning, conduct research and communicate with others for educational purposes. Students are responsible for anything they do when using technology just as they are in a classroom or corridor. They should always comply with the Foundation's standards and remember that access is a privilege, not a right and that access requires responsibility for their behaviour.

This policy refers to all technology including, but not limited to: iPads, PCs and Laptops, Macs, Google Apps, third party apps and mobile phones.

To help ensure full understanding from both students and their parents/guardians, Appendix 1, the sign off sheet (at the end of this Policy) requires signing annually by all new and existing parents. Students' signatures will be collected as part of their integrated learning within their IT lesson.

Guiding Principles

Technology can be a valuable educational tool, conferring many benefits which enhance teaching and learning. It provides opportunities for students to conduct research and communicate with others for educational purposes.

Use of Technology (including school provided devices or BYOD)

Appropriate sanctions, as outlined in the Foundation's Behaviour and Discipline Policy, will be imposed for any misuse of technology. Examples of misuse would include:

- disseminating material without permission
- taking photographs without permission
- making recordings without permission
- any activity in furtherance of cyberbullying
- gaining access to inappropriate internet sites
- any activity that could compromise the Foundation and/or its systems
- any irrelevant/non-educational activity during lessons, such as playing games
- communicating electronically in lessons with other students without permission
- recording or photographing illegal activity including the downloading, storing or forwarding of indecent images

This list is illustrative rather than exhaustive.

Technology may be used in lessons with the permission of the member of staff and in accordance with his/her instructions. Digital work should be stored in your school Google Drive account as part of the GSuite for Education domain. All work including App data should be backed up to Google Drive. Using other sources of storage increases the risk of work being lost and makes it very hard to recover. Whilst every effort is made to support users and provide secure and reliable systems, we cannot be responsible in the event of data loss.

General Guidance

1. Students must not engage in any use of IT related to cyberbullying or activity that could bring the Foundation into disrepute e.g. offensive or inappropriate emails, messages, memes etc. In serious cases students may be suspended or excluded.
2. Do not enter into any newsgroups, 'chat' or interactive messaging discussion areas or file sharing services without permission from a member of staff. Social media should not be used to share content about the school and/or its staff, students or parents.
3. You will have access to a wide variety of apps and software on your school devices, some of which require signing in. Never give out personal information about yourself or others without first discussing with a parent or guardian. If you are asked to input an address or contact number please use the following - *Address: The Stephen Perse Foundation, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1HF - Telephone: 01223 454700.*
4. Always tell a member of staff at once if you encounter inappropriate or offensive material.
5. Use of the Internet to create, distribute, store or access inappropriate matter, such as pornographic, illegal, racist, sexist or offensive material is strictly forbidden. Never attempt to advertise, buy or sell goods, gamble or advertise using the internet.
6. Access to the internet should only be made via the 'SPF' authorised Wifi whilst at school and your password should not be disclosed to anyone or any attempt made to access another user's account. You must not allow others to gain access with your credentials. Access to Wifi outside of the school is permitted but may be monitored and restricted by the school's filtering systems.
7. Ensure all portable devices are stored securely on and off the school premises. You are responsible for the security and safety of your device.
8. You must not run software or applications not approved by the IT Department, please contact them if you are unsure. Attempts to circumnavigate security controls (such as web filtering and access permissions) or compromise the security, integrity or performance of the SPF IT network is strictly prohibited. Activity which attacks or corrupts other systems, is strictly forbidden e.g. installation of software/malware/viruses, downloading inappropriate files/software.
9. School email can only be used for legitimate school-based purposes and personal email addresses may not be used in school lesson time. Only contact staff using your school email account.
10. Do not tamper with any IT equipment (eg. unplugging wires, peripherals etc) in classrooms or offices. Never bring food or drink near electronic equipment.
11. To guard against viruses when using email, always delete without opening mail from anyone unknown to you and be wary of attachments. Also delete any 'chain letters' you may receive - never forward them on to your friends. Do not respond to unpleasant emails.
12. Copyright of materials and intellectual property rights must be respected. If unsure, students must seek advice from staff.

13. You must ensure all work is backed up to your school Google Drive. Please turn off location services for photos and use the Google Photos app to sync to your school Google Drive. iCloud backup must be switched on for iPads issued to you by the Foundation. The school cannot be held responsible for loss of data stored on SPF systems.
14. Internet filtering is managed in line with government guidance. Further support and guidance can be found here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people>
15. Passwords should be complex, please refer to the password policy in this document.
16. You must protect all of your school computer accounts. Do not leave yourself logged in unattended on any device (at home or at school). A strong password (see above) or biometrics must always be used to protect access to your accounts. They should never be accessible directly without this, especially if you have saved a password or access code to a browser or app.
17. Two Factor Authentication must be enabled on your school Google account. It must also be enabled on all SPF accounts that access sensitive or personal data where available.
18. Mobile phone use is not permitted during the school day.
19. Any device provided by the school is the property of the Stephen Perse Foundation and is to be returned when an individual leaves. You must report any damages to the IT Department straight away.
20. If you have lost a device with access to school accounts on, report it to the school immediately.

Students' Personal Electronic Devices

It is recognised that personal electronic devices, such as mobile phones, are necessary in certain circumstances, e.g. for students with long or awkward journeys who need to contact parents en route. However, the Foundation cannot take responsibility for loss or damage to students' personal electronic devices. They should not be left visible or unprotected in school, for example on bag racks or in desks. Emergency messages from parents for students should be given to Reception and/or the School Office.

Parents should be aware of potential risks such as theft, bullying and inappropriate contact, including grooming by unsuitable persons. Parents are encouraged to ensure that suitable filtering systems are activated on mobile technology used by their child(ren). Students are discouraged from using personal electronic devices to gain access to the internet in school. If a personal mobile device contains access to Foundation data it must be protected by a password or fingerprint.

Personal electronic devices may only be used outside normal school hours. They must be switched off between 8.30am and 4.00pm, except with explicit permission from a member of staff. They should not be used by students attending for breakfast or during Late Stay except to make pick-up/collection arrangements. If a mobile (or similar) is used between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. it will be confiscated for the rest of that school day. Staff will bring confiscated devices to the School Office. The device should be collected from the School Office at 4.00pm. Repeat offenders will be asked to see the Head of Senior School to collect their device.

Students must seek the permission of a member of staff before taking and using their electronic devices to take photographs or make recordings on school premises, activities or trips.

Searching, screening and confiscation

Students' electronic devices may be searched in accordance with the Behaviour and Discipline Policy. Where the person conducting the search finds an electronic device that is prohibited by the school rules or that they reasonably suspect has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury or damage to property, they may examine any data or files on the device where there is a good reason to do so. They may also delete data or files if they think there is a good reason to do so, unless they are going to give the device to the police.

In determining a 'good reason' to examine or erase the data or files the staff member should reasonably suspect that the data or file on the device in question has been, or could be, used to cause harm, to disrupt teaching or break the school rules.

If an electronic device that is prohibited by the school rules has been seized and the member of staff has reasonable grounds to suspect that it contains evidence in relation to an offence, they must give the device to the police as soon as it is reasonably practicable. Material on the device that is suspected to be evidence relevant to an offence, or that is a pornographic image of a child or an extreme pornographic image, should not be deleted prior to giving the device to the police.

If a staff member does not find any material that they suspect is evidence in relation to an offence, and decides not to give the device to the police, they can decide whether it is appropriate to delete any files or data from the device or to retain the device as evidence of a breach of school discipline. Parents are informed when such a search has taken place and a record is kept of the incident, including the reasons for the search and its outcome.

The Foundation does not tolerate any form of bullying including cyberbullying and the welfare of our students is of paramount concern.

Access to the web outside of the school may be directed through the schools web filtering system. Access through the schools filtering system results in the collection of web history and IP address information. This may be monitored by staff and investigated if inappropriate or concerning online behaviour is detected/suspected. The Foundation uses industry approved filtering and monitoring systems in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) guidelines. Whilst these systems are very effective in guarding against inappropriate content, there is always the possibility of something you would expect to be blocked getting through. The Foundation cannot be held responsible in these instances and is not accountable for students visiting inappropriate content whilst using the internet outside of the Foundations systems.

Access Cards

Students are issued with an Access Card for door entry and printing which for security purposes must be reported immediately if lost or stolen. The first loss in an academic year is not charged but the charge for a second loss is £5. The charge for a third loss in an academic year or any beyond that is £10 for each loss. Charges will be collected through our Finance Department.

School iPads

The school leases the iPads provided for students and they must be returned in good working order with no damage. Students are responsible for the safety of their iPad. It must be securely locked away and hidden when unattended. A protective case is provided and the iPad must be kept in it at all times. Students are not allowed to decorate the case or iPad. If a student's iPad is lost or damaged it must be reported to the IT Department at the Senior School as soon as possible. Loss or damage charges apply in line with our leasing company's guidelines for return and are as follows:

Grade A - £10: Replacement for charger plug, cable or case.

Grade B - £75: Screen damage (cracks, shattered glass etc).

Grade C - £150: Damage to the iPad that is beyond a screen replacement. Examples include a bent device, damage to internal components, damage that would void the iPad warranty etc.

Grade D – Full cost of replacement: Loss of device, negligence leading to loss of the device, deliberate damage to the device or failure to return the device when requested.

In the event of the iPad being forcibly taken by attack, assault or mugging we encourage you to give up the iPad. Please inform the Police and obtain a crime reference number. With a crime reference number we would charge a £50 excess fee, without this number you may be charged the Grade D level. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can put the iPad in lost mode so it can be locked down and tracked. Charges will be collected through our Finance Department.

Password Policy

This policy applies to any account you have whilst at the school. This could include but is not restricted to, your domain login account, your Google account, any approved third party app etc.

You must:

- Ensure passwords for any school accounts should be at least 8 characters, complex (consisting of 3 of 4 of the following: Uppercase letter, Lowercase letter, Number, Special Character)
- Keep passwords secret.
- Arrange to have your password changed immediately if you suspect someone knows it.
- Log out when away from your system.
- Change account passwords at intervals appropriate to the required security level (we recommend at least termly).
- Ensure any passcodes that are set for devices are not easy to guess (eg. 1234).

You must not:

- Allow others access to IT equipment or Foundation systems logged in with your password.
- Write down passwords in a form that others could identify or in a place it could be stolen from.
- Share passwords.
- Give your password to anyone.
- Allow anyone to watch you typing your password.

- Attempt to login to another person's account.

Choosing a Password

- Your password must be at least eight characters with a combination of 3 of 4 of the following; upper and lower case letters, a number and special character.
- Do not use a word found in a dictionary, English or foreign.
- Passphrases are recommended, ie. a sentence that only you would know.
- Never use the same password twice.
- Choose a password that you can remember and type quickly, this reduces the chance of somebody discovering your password by looking over your shoulder.

Things to avoid

- Do not just add a single digit or symbol before or after a word. e.g. "apple1".
- Using the 'Save Password' option in the login boxes.
- Do not double up a single word. e.g. "appleapple".
- Do not simply reverse a word. e.g. "elppa".
- Key sequences that can easily be repeated. e.g. "qwerty", "asdf" etc.
- Do not just garble letters for easy to guess words, e.g. converting s to \$, o or 0. as in "Pa\$\$w0rd".
- Using the same password for multiple accounts.
- Re-using old passwords.
- Currency signs as this does not sync with some cloud applications like Google.

Poor Passwords

- Do not use passwords based on personal information such as: name, nickname, username, email address, birth date, friends name, hometown, phone number, car registration number, address etc. This includes using just part of your name, or part of your birth date.
- Do not ever be tempted to use common passwords that are easy to remember but offer no security at all. e.g. "password", "letmein".

Please refer to:

- Anti-Bullying Policy - Foundation
- Behaviour and Discipline Policy - Foundation
- School Rules - Senior School
- Online Safety Policy - Foundation
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy - Foundation

Violations of the above rules may result in a ban on Internet use. Involvement in cyberbullying may result in suspension or exclusion.

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Appendix 1

Agreement to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (Senior School)

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I have read the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (Senior School) and agree to abide by it. I understand that any misuse, including involvement in cyberbullying, will be dealt with as described in the Stephen Perse Foundation Anti-Bullying Policy and Behaviour and Discipline Policy. I understand that if I do not follow this policy I may be denied the use of IT facilities or systems for an indefinite period. I understand I may be charged for the cost of putting right any damage I may do to IT equipment or software, whether deliberate or accidental, as a result of not following instructions.

Student Signature:

Student first name: Student last name:

Form: School:

Date:

I have read in full the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (Senior School) attached and agree to help ensure my child abides by this policy.

PARENT/GUARDIAN Name:

PARENT Signature:

Date: