

## CHARTERHOUSE

### POLICY ON CYBERBULLYING

The Department for Children, Schools and Families defines cyberbullying as:

“The use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), particularly mobile ‘phones and the internet, deliberately to upset someone else”

**Our policy is linked to the School’s main anti-bullying policy and refers to that policy where appropriate. Aspects specific to cyberbullying are as follows:**

- the school reserves the right to monitor pupils’ use of the internet on a routine basis and to examine laptops, external drives and mobile phones where there is reason to suspect abuse;
- misuse of technology is subject to the school’s disciplinary regime;
- pupils will be held personally responsible for all material they have placed on a website and for all material that appears on a web site of which they are the account holder;
- misconduct of this kind outside school will be amenable to school discipline if the welfare of other pupils or the culture or reputation of the school are placed at risk; and
- sanctions may include confiscation of laptops and mobile phones or restrictions on the use of the internet.

In addition our I.T. – Acceptable Use Policy includes rules which

- encourage responsible use of the internet and other electronic devices for educational purposes;
- emphasise the importance of keeping passwords and login names confidential;
- prevent the downloading of unsuitable material;
- protect the security of the school’s computer system by taking precautions against viruses;
- prohibit plagiarism by use of internet material; and
- prohibit hacking.

### **Prevention**

See Section D on Prevention in the School's anti-bullying policy.

### **Disclosure**

See Section E on Disclosure in the School's anti-bullying policy.

### **Procedures**

See Section F on Procedures in the School's anti-bullying policy.

### **Sanctions**

See Section G on Sanctions in the School's anti-bullying policy.

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