

Responsible Use of Technology



GDCS is pleased to offer an extensive computer program to its students. God has blessed us with equipment and software that we want to see used for His pleasure and honour, so it is our privilege to be able to share it in turn with our students. This page describes the agreement between school and students that lies behind our provision and their use of this equipment.

The school promises...

- to keep in place and in operating condition enough computers so that students needing a computer to help them learn can have reasonable access
- to maintain a well-designed network capable of delivering the programs students need and of providing a secure personal space for a student's files (although no network user should assume that his/her files are invisible to the school itself, the owner of the network)
- to take all due precautions to ensure that the equipment is safe to use
- to meet all legal requirements for licensing of operating systems and software in use on the network
- to provide reasonable access to external resources such as the Internet, subject to cost and availability
- to take all reasonable precautions that the Internet may be used by students with minimum risk of accessing sites containing pornography or hate messages
- to teach the skills necessary for safe, productive and enjoyable use of the school's computers
- to work hard at using these gifts from God to make the learning here at GDCS more interesting and effective



The student promises...

- to learn the skills to enable them to use computers effectively in learning
- to make no attempt to gain access to other students' personal files or to other network resources for which he/she has not been authorized
- to exercise care and restraint around computers so that physical harm to equipment is minimized, and to report any damage promptly to a teacher
- to make no attempt to load software not owned by the school on to any school computer
- to submit any floppy disk which has been used in a computer outside GDCS to a teacher for a virus check before using it in a GDCS computer
- not to download any program or file from the Internet without clearing it with a teacher
- to make no attempt to access inappropriate content from the Internet, and to report to a teacher any inappropriate site which inadvertently appears
- to refrain from using e-mail or instant messaging at school, except when authorized by a teacher as part of a project
- to make no changes to the setup, operating system or file structure of any GDCS computer, unless cleared to do so as part of a Tech Assistants Group
- not to use any of these technology tools provided by the school to attack, insult or demean other students
- to use his/her computer skills willingly to help those with lesser skills
- to accept the ultimate direction/decision of the staff with regard to any question about the appropriateness of specific behaviours
- when in doubt about the appropriateness of something you would like to do with the computers or on the network, to check first with a teacher.