

## Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Parents

### What is an AUP?

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Camden School for Girls to read and sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school). Your child has signed an AUP and this AUP is reviewed periodically in light of recommended changes.

We ask that all parents read the following Acceptable Use Policy for Parents and support the school in educating their child/ren to use technology and online platforms safely.

### Why do we need an AUP?

These rules have been written to help keep everyone safe and happy when they are online or using technology. Sometimes things go wrong and people can get upset, but these rules should help us avoid it when possible, and be fair to everybody.

School systems and users are protected and monitored by security and filtering services to provide safe access to digital technologies. This means anything on a school device or using school networks/platforms/internet may be viewed by one of the staff members who are here to keep your children safe.

We tell your children that they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network. What we tell pupils about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community:

**“Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face.”**

### Where can I find out more?

You can read Camden School for Girls' full e-safety policy, available on the website, for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies (e.g. Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour Policy, etc).

### What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Camden School for Girls uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering.
3. School network protections will be superior to most home filtering. However, please note that accessing the internet always involves an element of risk and the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies. Schools are asked not to overblock or provide an experience which is so locked down as to block educational content or not train pupils for life in an online world.
4. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school is subject to filtering and monitoring.

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5. I understand that my child might be contacted online via school platforms by school staff and only about their learning, wellbeing or behaviour.
6. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
7. Parents are kindly asked not to contact pupils on their mobile phones during the school day; urgent messages can be passed via the school office.
8. When I visit the school premises, I will keep any online technology in my pocket wherever possible.
9. I will **not** take/share images of other people's children within the school community on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous (see [nofilming.lgfl.net](http://nofilming.lgfl.net) for more information). The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.
10. I will not covertly film or make recordings of any interactions with pupils or adults in schools.
11. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to [parentsafe.lgfl.net](http://parentsafe.lgfl.net) for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc.
12. I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to do home learning, whether for homework or during times of school closure. When on any video calls with school, my child will be fully dressed and in communal area. Where it is possible to blur or change the background, I will help my child to do so.
13. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply safety settings to my home internet and to various devices, operating systems, consoles, apps and games.
14. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he has signed, and which is available on the school website, and I understand that s/he will be subject to sanctions if s/he does not follow these rules.
15. I can find out more about online safety by reading the full Online Safety Policy which is available on the school website. If I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the school community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school, I will contact my child's Head of Year.

**I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.**

**Signature/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name/s of parent / guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / guardian of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_