



Archbishop Beck Catholic College

Acceptable User Policy – Parents

Background

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Archbishop Beck Catholic College to sign an Acceptable Use* Policy (AUP) to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using the college networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on site and outside of college).

Your child has also signed an AUP which is available in the full college 'Online Safety Policy' on the college website

We inform our students that **they should not behave any differently when they are out of college or using their own device or home network.** What we tell students about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community, whether they are at home or in college:

“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 Archbishop Beck Catholic College's full 'Online Safety Policy' for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies (e.g. Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour Policy, etc) which is available on the college website. For further information please contact the college office on 0151 525 6326 or email info@beck.uk.com and you will be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Archbishop Beck Catholic College uses technology as part of the daily life of the college when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the college and to help prepare the children and young people for their future lives.
2. I understand that the college takes every reasonable precaution to keep students safe and to prevent from accessing inappropriate materials through behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering.
3. I understand that internet and device use in college, and use of college-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of college may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in college, **including during any remote learning periods.**
4. 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.
5. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in colleges which is why we expect certain behaviours from students when using social media. I will support the college's social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
6. I will follow the college's digital images and video policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. 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.
7. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, she/he will need positive input from college and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety.
8. **I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to do remote learning if college or bubbles are closed (similar to regular online homework). When on any video calls with college, it would be better not to be in a bedroom but where this is**

unavoidable, my child will be fully dressed and not in bed, and the camera angle will point away from beds/bedding/personal information etc. Where it is possible to blur or change the background, I will help my child to do so.

9. If my child has online tuition for catch-up after lockdown or in general, I will undertake necessary checks where I have arranged this privately to ensure they are registered/safe and reliable, and for any tuition to remain in the room where possible, and ensure my child knows that tutors should not arrange new sessions or online chats directly with them.
10. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than college ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. 'Internet Matters' provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content.
11. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day:
childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/
12. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which she/he has signed, and which can be seen in the full college 'Online Safety Policy' on the college website. I understand that she/he will be subject to sanctions if she/he does not follow these rules.
13. I can find out more about online safety at Archbishop Beck Catholic College by reading the full Online Safety Policy on the college website. I am also aware that I can contact the college office on 0151 5256326 or email info@beck.uk.com if I have any concerns about my child's use of technology or if I have questions about online safety or the use of technology use in college.

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

Signature/s: _____

Name/s of parent / carer: _____

Parent / guardian of: _____

Date: _____