



Victory Heights Primary School

## Internet Safety Policy

At Victory Heights Primary School, Dubai, the purpose of Internet use is to raise educational standards and to promote student achievement. Internet access is an entitlement for students who show a responsible and mature approach to its use. The ICT Coordinator serves as the eSafety Coordinator.

- Victory Heights Primary School, Dubai provides students with safe and secure Internet access as part of their learning experience.
- The school's Internet access includes filtering appropriate to the age of the student.
- Students are taught what is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.
- They are given clear guidance on how to deal with inappropriate internet content and are educated in the responsible and safe use of the Internet and other technologies through a range of strategies such as (but not limited to) eSafety lessons, special assemblies and awareness campaigns.
- We ensure that the use of Internet derived materials by staff and by students complies with copyright law and students are made aware of plagiarism.
- e-Safety rules (S.M.A.R.T rules and Responsible Use Policy) are posted in rooms with Internet access and students are informed that network and Internet use is monitored through a firewall/proxy.

The **Governing Body** is responsible for ensuring that there is a clear Internet Safety policy in Victory Heights Primary School, Dubai.

The **Principal** is responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented and for ensuring it is reviewed regularly.

**Staff members** are responsible for ensuring that students are aware of the Internet Safety policy and that they adhere to it. Where the policy is contravened they are responsible for taking appropriate action. Staff members have a particular responsibility to supervise use, plan access and set good examples.

**Pupils** are expected to use computers and/or devices for academic work only. Students are responsible for the usage and communications over any kind of forums, blogs, social media and emails, commercial, profit-making purposes or advertising. Misuse by students will result in the suspension of user privileges. Pupils at all age levels using any social media forum must at all times demonstrate restraint and respect for the members of the school community, including all students and personnel. Pupils must not breach confidentiality, defame or make threats to any person in the school community. Instances of proven and intentional breach of the above will result in sanctions.