

ICT Software Asset Management Policy

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Rationale:

All software to be used on the School's computers should be properly licensed.

Aim:

To have in place manageable procedures to ensure that unlicensed software is not used on curriculum computers throughout the School.

Objectives:

1. To maintain an accurate record of software installed on networks and standalone computer systems.
2. To carry out annual audits to confirm the versions of software currently being used.
3. To make staff aware of their responsibilities relating to the installation and use of software on computer systems throughout the School.

Strategies:

1. All software licence details to be given to the Software Licence Co-ordinator, by the purchaser, at the time of purchase.
2. All software licence details to be recorded on a central database.
3. Annual audits to be carried out to verify the versions of software currently being used.
4. Relevant guidance procedures to be included in the Staff Handbook.

Consequences of using illegal software:

1. Each incident will be reviewed individually and any action taken will be based upon the nature of the use of any unlicensed software.
2. Sanctions that may be employed include:-
 - The de-installation of unlicensed software.
 - The issuing of a verbal warning.
 - The issuing of a formal written warning.
 - Withdrawal of access rights to use the school's network.
 - Withdrawal of access rights to use the internet & any online cloud based systems

Responsibilities:

All Staff

- Provide the network manager with the licence details of any software purchased for school use.
- Report any concerns relating to the installation or use of unlicensed software on school computers.
- Familiarise themselves with the guidelines relating to the 'Use of Software' in the 'Staff Handbook'.

Heads of Department

- Ensure that any subject specific software that is installed on their departmental computers is licensed.
- Authorise audits of their own departmental computer systems.

Network manager

- Ensure that all software installed on curriculum networks is Licensed.
- Act as the School's Software Licence Coordinator
- Authorise audits of the curriculum networks.
- Provide guidelines relating to the 'Use of Software' to be
- Included in the 'Staff Handbook'.

ICT Technician(s)

- Act as the School's Software Licence Coordinator and
 - maintain a central record of all software on a central database.
 - Install licensed software on networks and standalones.
 - De-install unlicensed software as directed by the Network manager
 - Carry out software audits as requested by the Network manager
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Signed: _____
Head Teacher

Dated: 5th February 2024

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Chair of Governors

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