# ICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

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#### 1. Purpose

1.1 This policy ensures that users understand their responsibility for the appropriate use of Jigsaw's information technology resources. Understanding this will help users to protect themselves and Jigsaw's equipment, information and reputation.

#### 2. Definitions

- 2.1 'Jigsaw' means Jigsaw CABAS® School, Jigsaw Plus and Jigsaw Trading 2013 Limited (Café on the Park).
- 2.2 'ICT facilities' means all IT devices, facilities, systems and services including, but not limited to, network infrastructure, intranet, internet, desktop computers, laptops, iPads and tablets, phones, personal organisers, music players, software, websites, web applications or services and any device, system or service which may become available in the future which is provided as part of the ICT service.
- 2.3 'Users' are defined as anyone who has access to Jigsaw's ICT facilities, IT and communication systems either internally or externally.
- 2.4 'Personal use" means any use or activity not directly related to the users' employment, study or purpose.
- 2.5 'Authorised Personnel' means employee(s) authorised by Jigsaw to perform systems administration and/or monitoring of the ICT facilities.
- 2.6 'Materials' means files and data created using the ICT facilities including but not limited to documents, photographs, audio, video, printed output, web pages, social networking sites, bulletin boards, newsgroups forums and blogs.

## 3. Scope

3.1 This policy applies to all users, this includes but is not limited to all staff trustees, governors, contractors, volunteers, work experience, consultants, agency workers, visitors. and those using and/or accessing any element of Jigsaw's IT infrastructure, systems and services, from on or off site

# 4. The Policy

- 4.1 This policy should be read in conjunction with associated policies in section 13
- 4.2 All users are responsible for the success of this policy and should ensure that they take the time to read and understand it and the associated policies. Any unacceptable use should be reported to a manager for further action. Questions regarding the content or application of this policy should be directed to a member of the HR team.
- 4.3 Users must abide by all applicable laws and Jigsaw policies to protect the copyrights and intellectual property rights of others. It is the responsibility of the user to assume that materials found upon the internet are copyrighted unless the materials contain an express disclaimer to the contrary.

# 5. Monitoring

Jigsaw respects the privacy of its users but retains the right to monitor or intercept messages, emails and internet access under the Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000 for the following reasons:

- To monitor the performance and operation of the ICT facilities
- To investigate or detect the unauthorised use of the systems, e.g., that this policy is being observed, that no discriminatory or offensive content appears in emails, etc
- To maintain an adequate level of security for Jigsaw's computer systems
- To detect any computer viruses
- To check mailboxes of absent employees
- To secure, fix, enhance or as an inherent part of effective and responsible systems development or operation
- To collect evidence pertaining to compliance with this policy, and other related policies, regarding the acceptable use of ICT facilities within Jigsaw
- 5.2 To exercise these rights under the Regulations, Jigsaw must have made all reasonable efforts to inform every person who may use the system that interception may take place. The communication of this policy to all employees is intended to meet this requirement.

#### 6. Email

6.1 See Email Policy

#### 7. Passwords

7.1 See Password Policy

## 8. Acceptable Uses

- 8.1 As a general principle, network access is provided to users to support work related activities. The list below is not intended to be a definitive list, but sets out broad areas of use that Jigsaw considers to be acceptable use:
  - To store work related resources
  - To communicate within Jigsaw
  - To communicate with other organisations for educational and operational purposes
  - To access resources and training
  - Any other use that directly supports work related functions

## 9. Unacceptable use

- 9.1 Unacceptable use constitutes (but is not limited to) the following points:
  - Attempting to discover another person's username and password, by any means
  - Sharing your password with other users
  - Attempting to monitor or tamper with another user's electronic communication or data, or reading, copying, modifying or deleting another user's data without the explicit agreement of that user, or their Manager. (Except in the case of electronic mail messages where messages sent and received can be copied and/or monitored)
  - Attempting to circumvent by any means the computer or network security
  - Using the computer systems (such as electronic mail) to act abusively towards others (including individuals, groups, companies or any other organisation) whether

internally or externally

- Using the computer systems to access obscene, racist, hateful, violent, weapons, terrorism, militant, offensive, defamatory, fanatical or harassing material
- Knowingly running and installing on any computer or network, or giving to another user, a program or macro intended to disrupt or damage in any way the computer systems and/or network operations, it's files, programs, data, or any related peripheral or device
- Downloading any copyright materials belonging to third parties, hacking into unauthorised areas, personal financial transactions, deliberate activities that waste networked resources or deliberate or negligent introduction of a virus
- Violating terms and conditions of software copyrights and agreements, including making illicit copies of software
- Installing any software by whatever medium (e.g. data sticks, CD-ROM or data transfer) not provided, virus checked and approved by Jigsaw's IT Department
- The transfer of any data files from data sticks, CD-ROM or data transfer to any of Jigsaw's computers without being fully virus checked. Jigsaw has an anti-virus software system to scan and alert the IT department if further monitoring is required.
- Performing any act that will interfere with the use of the computer, network or
  equipment (such as printers) or will affect other users' ability to make use of that
  equipment, such as downloading unnecessary large documents
- Using the computer systems for any activity not related to your work for Jigsaw or for personal financial gain (exemptions to this include collecting personal emails, ebanking or searching other appropriate websites during a recognised break with the prior permission of your manager).
- Relocating or re-allocating computer equipment without the permission and guidance of Jigsaw's IT Department
- Deliberately wasting computer resources such as game playing or sending "junk" or "chain" emails (either electronic or printed) during working hours
- You should not subscribe to any on-line subscription-based internet sites unless they pertain to work duties
- Users may not use Jigsaw's ICT facilities to store personal non- work-related information or materials on the ICT facilities (e.g. eBooks, music, home videos, photography), and use of the ICT facilities is provided with no expectation of privacy.
- If you are allocated a laptop computer, you are responsible for ensuring the safe keeping of this equipment whilst out of the office. Under no circumstances should this equipment be left un-attended in a public place, or in public view. Further you must ensure that all security systems and precautions have been activated to safeguard the laptop
- Providing an opinion that can be attributed to Jigsaw, a member of staff or a client/pupil on a platform (such as social media) that could be viewed by third parties or that may bring Jigsaw into disrepute

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manipulation, transmission or storage of:

- any offensive, obscene or indecent images, data or other material, or any data capable of being resolved into obscene or indecent images or material
- unlawful material or material that is defamatory, threatening, discriminatory, extremist or which has the potential to radicalise themselves or others
- unsolicited "nuisance" emails
- material which is subsequently used to facilitate harassment, bullying and/or victimisation of a member of Jigsaw or a third party
- material which promotes discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation
- material with the intent to defraud or which is likely to deceive a third party
- material which promotes discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation
- material which advocates or promotes any unlawful act
- material that infringes the intellectual property rights or privacy rights of a third party, or that is in breach of a legal duty owed to another party; or material that brings Jigsaw into disrepute

#### 10. Data Protection Officer

10.1 The Data Protection Officer is responsible for overseeing data protection within the school so if you do have any questions in this regard, please do contact them on the information below: -

Data Protection Officer: Judicium Consulting Limited

Address: 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Email: dataservices@judicium.com
Web: www.judiciumeducation.co.uk

Telephone: 0203 326 9174 Lead Contact: Craig Stilwell

## 11. Policy Review

- 11.1 This policy will be updated as necessary to reflect best practice and to ensure compliance with any changes or amendments to relevant legislation.
- 11.2 This policy was last reviewed in September 2023.

# 12. Version History

No.	Date	Amendment
1.1		New policy formatting
2.1	Dec 2020	Policy completely reworked
2.2	June 2021	Removal of contents of section 6 and section 7, referring to separate policies.  Addition of section 10 re DPO
2.3	May 2022	Interim review. No changes
2.4	March 2023	Interim review. No changes.
2.5	September 2023	Removed redundant Appendices and amended documentation Refs

# 13. Related Legislation & Guidance

Document	Location
Data Protection Act, 2018	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/pdfs/ukp ga 20180012 en.pdf
General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), 2018	https://gdpr-info.eu
The Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000	The Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000 (legislation.gov.uk)
Computer Misuse Act, 1990	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/18/contents

# 14. Related Internal Documentation

Document	Electronic Copy Location
Data Protection Policy	Common / MyJigsaw / Policies / Trust / GDPR
Data Breach Policy	Common / MyJigsaw / Policies / Trust / GDPR
Mobile and Smart Devices Policy	Common / MyJigsaw / Policies / Trust / IT
ICT Security Policy	Common / MyJigsaw / Policies / Trust / IT
Password Policy	Common / MyJigsaw / Policies / Trust / IT
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