

Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Kent County Council's Libraries, Registration & Archives service provides public access to the Internet as part of its role of providing access to information and to support lifelong learning.

KCC recognises the rights and responsibilities of parents to monitor their children's online activity. If you are under 16 your parent or guardian must complete a permission form before you use the Internet. Please speak with a member of staff about this.

The internet is unregulated and, whilst KCC uses security software, KCC cannot take responsibility for any information or images that may be found to be inaccurate, incomplete, offensive or disturbing.

Please read and accept the following before using the Internet

Kent County Council (KCC) monitors the sites I visit during my session. If KCC finds I am breaking the terms of this policy, KCC may:

- Withdraw my right to use the service and future access may be denied.
- Pass my personal information to law enforcement authorities where appropriate, and compatible with data protection legislation.
- Take legal action if this is considered necessary.

I will be responsible for any damages, direct or indirect, and all criminal liability arising from my use of the Internet. KCC accepts no responsibility for such matters.

Use of USB devices and removable storage devices is allowed on the library computers but this is done at my own risk. KCC accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss of data.

I am reminded that the library computers on which I can access the Internet are located in public areas, which are shared by users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities.

In particular I accept the following conditions:

1. I will not watch any **live** streamed TV programmes, or any catch-up programmes made available on BBC's iPlayer on KCC's public access computers.
2. I will not access any websites that contain material that is inappropriate. Such material includes but is not limited to: criminal skills; radicalisation; pornography.
3. I will not access, create or send material which causes annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety to others.
4. I will not infringe the intellectual property rights of another person; copy or modify copyright protected material without authorisation.
5. I will not send unsolicited commercial or advertising material.

6. I will not deliberately try to gain unauthorised access to facilities or services via the library's equipment.
7. I will not introduce malicious software or viruses or otherwise cause damage to our hardware.
8. I will not use the Internet for illegal or criminal activity, for example but not limited to: software, film or music piracy; terrorism; the sale of illegal drugs.
9. I will not carry out any activity in breach of, or contrary to current legislation, statutory instruments or regulations, including but not limited to: The Computer Misuse Act (1990); The Data Protection Act (1998); the Human Rights Act (1998); the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (2000) and; the Digital Economy Act (2010).
10. I will not violate the privacy or disrupt the work of others.

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