ISL Summary of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

The AUP gives the students, teachers, other staff, and all members of the school community guidelines about how to use the internet, social media, and all digital technologies the right way.

It's important that everyone knows how to use these responsibly and safely. If we follow the guidelines this will protect us all from online abuse and protect our good name.

The school is responsible for making sure these guidelines are followed during school time and activities, but parents and guardians also have responsibilities.

When their child is out of school they should monitor their child's use of mobile phones, digital technology, and other smart devices. If parents/guardians become aware of online activity that is harmful or disturbing, they should report this to the social media platform directly.

If necessary, they should also report it to the Garda or TUSLA.

This area of digital technology, internet use, and social media is very wide. The Acceptable Use Policy (APU) has identified many categories and types of activity and all are detailed in the policy.

The AUP is a clear list of good practice and acceptable behaviour for this Digital Technology area. It also outlines what action needed and what sanctions can be used if someone doesn't follow the guidelines.

Sanctions are linked to the school's Code of Behaviour.

The policy includes detailed lists of guidelines which focus on the following areas:

- Correct and responsible use of the internet, email, Social Media and Messaging services
- Sharing of inappropriate images….this is illegal and is reported to the Garda immediately
- The school uses "Digital Learning Platforms" for students to access learning online, for example "GSuite".   Pupils and staff must follow the guidelines about using these correctly.
- There are guidelines for correct use of Chromebooks, mobile phones, videos and images, the school website, and all personal devices.
- There are guidelines for digital communication between boarding members, boarding staff and school staff
- The policy explains the serious consequences of Cyberbullying and details the sanctions if this happens.

The full policy is available on the school website and has more detail. If you'd like more clarification or have any questions please contact us at the school.