



Social Media Student Policy

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Introduction

Students at Leibler Yavneh College enjoy the opportunities and benefits of being members of our College. It is expected that students will uphold the ethos and values of the College, both within and outside the College and in all Social Media interactions. Students must not act in such a way that the image of the school is brought into disrepute nor in a way that harms members of the College community. Social Media can be, when appropriate, an effective educative and social tool and is commonly used by members of the Leibler Yavneh College community to express their views, comments, ideas and feedback on a whole range of issues. Leibler Yavneh College expects students to use Social Media in a respectful and responsible manner. Social Media should not be used to insult, present offensive or inappropriate content or to misrepresent the College or any member of the College community.

Rationale

The purpose of this Policy is to set standards of behaviour for the use of Social Media which are consistent with the broader values and expectations of our College community.

Definition

Social Media is the production, consumption and exchange of information through phones, Smart Watches, personal devices and online social interactions and platforms. It encompasses popular platforms such as, but not limited to Facebook, Ask.fm, Twitter, Whatsapp, Instagram, Messenger, Snapchat, YouTube, oober, reddit, linked in, Wikipedia, yammar, pinterest and also includes blogs, forums, wikis, photo galleries and videos.

Scope

This Policy applies to all students of Leibler Yavneh College.

Rights and Responsibilities

Students are expected to show respect to others, including all members of the Leibler Yavneh College community. Students are also expected to give due respect to the reputation and good name of the College.

When using Social Media on any electronic device, students are expected to ensure their use of Social Media reflects a high level of integrity and specifically make certain that:

1. Online behaviour demonstrates a respect for the dignity of each person at all times.
2. Staff - student online interaction occurs only in an educational context.
3. The rights and confidentiality of others is respected at all times.

4. Impersonation of or falsely representing another person does not occur.
5. Bullying, intimidation, abuse, harassment, stalking or threatening of others never occurs.
6. Defamatory comments do not occur.
7. Offensive or threatening images or language, personal abuse towards others or members of the College community does not occur.
8. Content that is hateful, threatening, pornographic or incites violence against others does not occur and is never uploaded.
9. Harming the reputation and good standing of the College or those within its community does not occur.
10. Filming, photography or recording members of the College community without express permission of the College or use of film, photographs or recordings without express permission of the above, does not occur.
11. If a student receives an inappropriate email or other electronic message on College Systems from another person, the student must show a teacher the message or image.
12. That they do not use social media in class without the express permission of the teacher.

Breach of Policy

A breach of this policy will be addressed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team or College Principal and will be addressed on a case by case basis.

A breach of this policy may also involve a breach of other College policies and should be read in conjunction with the:

- Positive Peer Relations Anti Bullying Harassment Policy
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy for Students
- Behaviour Education Policy
- Behaviour Code- Years 3-6
- Behaviour Code- Prep- 2
- Child Protection Policy
- College Mandatory Reporting

All reports of cyber bullying and other technology misuses will be investigated fully and may result in a notification to police. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion from the College. Students and parents must be aware that in certain circumstances where a crime has been committed, they may be subject to a criminal investigation by police.