

T4L and Parent Responsibility Policy

AMITY MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission to create an engaging and challenging learning environment where students are encouraged to excel intellectually, academically and socially. We nurture our students' natural desires to learn with a personalised educational programme, project-based learning and guided enquiry. These promote the development of independent thinking, critical analysis, emotional intelligence and essential communication skills.

Amity International School aims to serve all its pupils by preparing a diverse range of courses, programmes, resources and facilities that serve pupils' individual talents and interests, and help them secure the best chance of success and happiness in both their professional and personal lives.

RATIONALE

Amity International School Abu Dhabi recognises that digital technology enhances teaching, learning and student independence. Access to personal devices supports collaboration, research, creativity and digital literacy, all of which are essential skills for success in higher education and future employment.

As a school operating within the United Arab Emirates, we are committed to ensuring that device use aligns with:

- ADEK School Digital Policy requirements
- UAE Federal Decree Law No. 45 of 2021 (Personal Data Protection Law – PDPL)
- UAE Federal Decree Law No. 34 of 2021 (Cybercrime Law)
- UAE Child Rights Law (Federal Law No. 3 of 2016 – Wadeema's Law), which affirms parental responsibility for the supervision and protection of children, including in digital environments

This policy ensures that personal devices are used safely, responsibly and in a manner that protects student wellbeing and data privacy.

PURPOSE

This policy aims to:

- Promote safe and responsible use of personal digital devices
- Protect students from online harm
- Ensure compliance with UAE legislation and ADEK requirements
- Clarify expectations for students and parents
- Establish mandatory safeguarding measures, including approved e-Safety systems
- Strengthen partnership between school and parents in supervising digital activity

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Maintained by: Head of IT, Digital Safeguarding Lead

Review date: February 2027

RESPONSIBILITIES

The school will:

- Publish minimum device specifications annually
- Provide a preferred technology partner for purchasing devices
- Ensure devices are appropriately configured for safeguarding
- Require installation of the approved e-Safety and filtering licence
- Ensure the e-Safety system aligns with international safeguarding best practice
- Monitor network activity proportionately in line with ADEK expectations
- Provide digital citizenship education
- Provide parent workshops on online safety

Teachers and staff will:

- Only permit device use when it enhances learning
- Supervise students actively during device use
- Report safeguarding concerns related to digital activity immediately
- Enforce classroom expectations consistently
- Not permit device use in toilets, changing rooms or private spaces
- Follow school safeguarding, data protection and acceptable use policies
- Support students in developing responsible digital citizenship
- Ensure no recording of lessons takes place without permission

Students will

- Read and sign the Parent and Child T4L agreement (Appendix 1)

Ensure they use digital devices and systems responsibly, showing respect in their conduct that aligns with our safeguarding expectations supporting their own and other's wellbeing and safety. Actions that enable students to meet this expectation include the following:

Responsible Use

- Use devices only when directed by a teacher
- Use devices for educational purposes during the school day
- Close devices immediately when instructed

Respect and Conduct

- Not photograph, film or record others without explicit permission
- Not share inappropriate, harmful, offensive or illegal content
- Not engage in cyberbullying, harassment or online misconduct
- Not attempt to bypass school filtering systems or use VPNs

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Safeguarding

- Not use devices in toilets or changing rooms
- Report any concerning content or online behaviour to a member of staff

Security

- Keep devices password protected
- Not share passwords
- Ensure devices remain secure at all times
- Do not try to navigate around safety systems or break security and safety systems in places

Failure to uphold these expectations may result in:

- Confiscation of device
- Withdrawal of T4L privileges
- Behaviour sanctions
- Safeguarding referral
- Referral to authorities under UAE Cybercrime Law where required

Parents Will

Under UAE Child Rights Law (Federal Law No. 3 of 2016 – Wadeema’s Law), parents hold legal responsibility for the supervision and protection of their children, including within digital environments. Amity International School expects all parents to actively support and align with the school’s digital policies and safeguarding measures. A consistent approach between home and school is essential to ensuring that students receive clear, coherent and responsible guidance regarding technology use. While families may hold individual views about technology use, the school has established expectations to meet ADEK requirements and UAE legislation. Parents are therefore expected to support these expectations to ensure the safety, wellbeing and development of all students.

To enable parents to meet this responsibility, the following actions are required:

Device Purchase

- Purchase devices through the school’s **preferred technology partner** (JTRS)
- Purchase any mandatory school-approved **e-Safety licence** through the school’s provider
- Ensure devices meet the published school specifications
- Purchase AppleCare for iPads

Supervision

- Monitor device use at home
- Reinforce responsible digital behaviour
- Supervise screen time and online interactions

Security and Maintenance

- Ensure devices are fully charged daily
- Maintain system updates and antivirus protection
- Ensure no unauthorised VPNs or software are installed
- For any iPad replacements, provide documentation from an Apple approved provider to support requests to transfer e-safety licence

Partnership

- Sign the Parent and Child T4L agreement (Appendix 1)
- Support school safeguarding procedures
- Cooperate fully with investigations into digital misuse

Parents acknowledge that the school is not responsible for:

- Loss or theft of personal devices
- Damage to devices
- Data loss

DEVICE REQUIREMENTS

To ensure compatibility and safeguarding compliance:

- Devices must meet school technical specifications.
- Devices must be purchased through the school's preferred provider.
- The approved e-Safety licence must be installed before the device is used on the school network.

Devices purchased outside the preferred partner may not be authorised to connect to the school network.

MANDATORY E-SAFETY LICENCE

In line with ADEK safeguarding requirements and international best practice, all T4L devices must have the school-approved e-Safety system installed.

The e-safety along with the schools filtering systems provides:

- Age-appropriate content filtering
- Monitoring of risk indicators across content, contact, conduct and commerce
- Safeguarding alerts where appropriate
- Reporting functionality aligned to child protection procedures

Devices without this licence will not be permitted to access school systems.

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DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY

The school processes personal data in accordance with UAE Federal Decree Law No. 45 of 2021 (PDPL).

Students must not:

- Store confidential school data on personal cloud services
- Record lessons without permission
- Share images of other students/teachers/community members online

Network activity may be monitored proportionately for safeguarding and security purposes.

CYBERSECURITY

To protect the school community:

- VPN usage is strictly prohibited on the school network
- Attempts to bypass filtering systems are serious breaches
- Hacking, interference or illegal activity will result in sanctions

Serious violations may be referred under Federal Decree Law No. 34 of 2021 (Cybercrime Law).

COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with this policy may result in:

- Temporary or permanent withdrawal of T4L privileges
- Behaviour sanctions
- Safeguarding investigation
- Referral to ADEK
- Referral to law enforcement

AMITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABU DHABI

Academic Year: _____

Amity International School Abu Dhabi permits students to bring a personal learning device to school in accordance with the Student T4L Policy.

This agreement confirms that parents and students understand and accept the expectations outlined in that policy, which aligns with ADEK requirements and UAE legislation including:

- Federal Decree Law No. 45 of 2021 (Personal Data Protection Law)
- Federal Decree Law No. 34 of 2021 (Cybercrime Law)

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