Colyton Grammar School STUDENT PERSONAL COMPUTING DEVICE USE

Rationale

The cost and availability of mobile computers makes the possibility of students providing and using their own devices in school economically viable. The potential for such devices to support the learning of students is evident if used appropriately.

The school seeks to support the safe and appropriate uses of mobile devices wherever possible.

Personal Computing Device Use in School

The school cannot accept the responsibility for loss or damage to mobile devices in school.

Except in special circumstances, it is not appropriate for students in Years 7-11 to bring a laptop, notebook, tablet PC, iPad etc into school. Sixth form students may do so under the following strict conditions.

- 1. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage, however caused.
- 2. Parents should arrange appropriate insurance.
- 3. Devices must not be used until the device has been registered with the school.
- 4. Devices must only be powered by batteries unless they have been PAT tested by the school. The device must be retested annually.
- 5. Use of all devices on school premises must comply with the current Acceptable Use Policy of the school.
- 6. No attempt should be made to connect to the school Network infrastructure directly.
- 7. Connection to the CGS Guest wireless network must be authorised prior to use.
- 8. Students are free to use their personal 3G/4G connection to connect to their school files via the school internet portal at their own cost.
- 9. Any misuse of mobile devices could lead to the individual losing the right to bring such devices into school.

Equality Impact Assessement

No equality issues have been identified with this policy.

Consultation

This policy is consulted upon with the Senior Leadership Team, the Network Manager and the Colyton Online Safety In Education (COSIE) group.

¹ To arrange PAT testing, students need to arrange an appointment with the relevant IT Technician. Devices must not be connected to the electricity supply in school until this has been done.