Student Guidelines for Using Social Media

Publishing thoughts and ideas on the internet is a very public activity. Whatever is posted (for example, on blogs, wikis, Google Apps for Education, other websites, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Vine, Prezi, NoodleBib, Diigo, YouTube, Office 365,…) remains as a permanent piece of online information (even if your site is password protected).

Be safe

- Anyone can access the Internet and see what you write even if your page is 'password protected'. There is nothing to stop other people from copying your material and placing it elsewhere on the web.
- Protect your privacy. Keep all personal information to yourself. Do not use your full name or post pictures of yourself. Do not share your password.

Be nice

- Help foster a school community that is respectful and kind.
- Use appropriate language (e.g. Limit your use of 'IM, text speak' or 'netlingo'). Consider writing conventions (grammar, punctuation).
- How you say something is as important as what you say (e.g. be clear when communicating your ideas).
- Critique ideas, not the person. Ask if you are unsure about language. Use evidence to support your position.

Be empowered

- Share what you know and can do. If you link to other websites, be sure you check its accuracy of content.
- Respect copyright. Cite your sources by linking to them.
- Use images only if they support your writing, not detract from it. Follow copyright rules - use images that are licensed under Creative Commons.

Be careful and gentle

- Our school resources are limited. Help us take care of our devices and networks.