

CTI Clonmel



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CTI Clonmel Mission Statement

The role of our school is to facilitate the students of Clonmel and its environs in the acquisition of general and specialised education. CTI Clonmel is under the patronage of Tipperary Education and Training Board.

ETB schools are state, co-educational, multid denominational schools underpinned by the core values of:

- Excellence
- Care
- Equality
- Community
- Respect



CTI Clonmel provides students with equal opportunities for enrolment in line with the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018. Once enrolled, our school strives to provide all students with equal opportunities to engage with the curriculum and school life. We strive to enable every student to realise their full potential regardless of any aspect of their identity or background. Our school

- provides a safe physical and social environment that reinforces a sense of belonging to the school community and wider society
- promotes a fully inclusive education that recognises the plurality of identities, beliefs and values held by students, parents and staff
- prepare open-minded, culturally sensitive and responsible citizens with a strong sense of shared values
- treats equally students of all religions and beliefs. The school environment and activities do not privilege any group over another whilst at the same time acknowledging and facilitating students of all religions and beliefs.

The aim of this Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is to ensure that students will benefit from the learning opportunities offered by the school's internet resources in a safe and effective manner.

Internet use and access are considered a school resource and privilege. If the school AUP is not adhered to, this privilege may be withdrawn, and appropriate sanctions will be imposed.

When using the internet students, parents and staff are expected:

- To treat others with respect at all times.
- Not undertake any actions that may bring the school into disrepute.
- Respect the right to privacy of all other members of the school community.
- Respect copyright and acknowledge creators when using online content and resources.

This Acceptable Use Policy applies to students who have access to and are users of the internet in CTI Clonmel. It also applies to members of staff, volunteers, parents, carers and others who access the internet in CTI Clonmel.

Misuse of the internet may result in disciplinary action, including written warnings, withdrawal of access privileges, detention and, in extreme cases, suspension or expulsion. The school reserves the right to report any illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

CTI Clonmel will deal with incidents that take place outside the school that impact on the wellbeing of students or staff under this policy and associated codes of behaviour and anti-bullying policies. In such cases, CTI Clonmel will, where known, inform parents (or students themselves where the student is over 18) of incidents of inappropriate online behaviour that take place out of school and impose the appropriate sanctions. We will inform the Gardaí if that is deemed to be necessary.

CTI Clonmel implements the following strategies on promoting safer use of the internet:

- Students will be provided with education in internet safety as part of our implementation of the SPHE curriculum.
- Internet safety advice and support opportunities are provided to students in CTI Clonmel through our induction, SPHE, ICT classes and Well-being week.
- Teachers will be provided with continuing professional development opportunities in internet safety.

- CTI Clonmel participates in Safer Internet Day activities to promote safer more effective use of the internet and has Safer Internet Ambassadors.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed bi-annually by the following stakeholders:

- Board of Management, teaching staff, support staff, students, and parents.

This policy has been developed by a working group including the Principal, Deputy Principal, teachers, students, parents/carers, and representatives of the Board of Management.

The school will monitor the impact of the policy using:

- Logs of reported incidents.
- Surveys and/or questionnaires of students, parents, and teaching staff.
- Student focus groups.

Should serious online safety incidents take place the Principal and Deputy Principal should be informed.

The implementation of this Internet Acceptable Use Policy will be monitored by the Assistant Principals, ICT Coordinator, Deputy Principal and Principal.

CONTENT FILTERING

CTI Clonmel has chosen to implement the following level on content filtering on the school's Broadband Network: **Level 4**

This level allows access to millions of websites including games and YouTube but blocks access to websites belonging to the personal websites category and websites such as Facebook belonging to the Social Networking category.

Students taking steps to bypass the content filter by using proxy sites, VPNs or other means may be subject to disciplinary action including written warnings, withdrawal of access privileges, detention and, in extreme cases, suspension or expulsion. Further details available in the Code of Behaviour.

WEB BROWSING AND DOWNLOADING

- Students will not intentionally visit internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.
- Students will report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in the classroom to their teacher.
- Students will report accidental accessing of inappropriate materials in school but outside the classroom to the Principal, Deputy Principal, ICT Coordinator or their Year Head.
- Students and staff will not copy information from the internet without acknowledging the creator and referencing the source of the content. The Harvard referencing system is recommended.
- Students and staff will be aware that any usage, including distributing or receiving information, school-related or personal, may be monitored for unusual activity, security and/or network management reasons.
- Students will use the school's internet connection only for educational and career development activities.
- Students will not engage in online activities such as uploading or downloading large files that result in heavy network traffic which impairs the service for other internet users.
- Students will not download or view any material that is illegal, obscene, and defamatory or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.
- Use of file sharing and torrent sites is not allowed.
- Downloading by students of materials or images not relevant to their studies is not allowed.

EMAIL AND MESSAGING

- Teachers and students must use their school or ETB provided email addresses. The use of personal email accounts is only allowed at CTI Clonmel with expressed permission from the principal.
- Students should not under any circumstances share their email account login details with other students.
- Students should not use school email accounts to register for online services for personal use such as social networking services, apps, and games.
- Students will use approved class email accounts only under supervision by or permission from a teacher.
- Students should be aware that email communications are monitored.
- Staff, students and parents are encouraged not to send emails or other electronic messages after 5pm and before 8am. The “delayed send” feature can be used and is encouraged.
- Students will not send any material that is illegal, obscene, and defamatory or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.
- Students will not share personal information concerning other students via email. Please see the ETB’s Data Protection Policy for more information on Personal Data which can be found at <https://tipperaryetb.ie/corporate/data-protection-gdpr>.
- Students should immediately report the receipt of any communication that makes them feel uncomfortable, is offensive, discriminatory, threatening or bullying in nature and must not respond to any such communication.
- Students should avoid opening emails that appear suspicious. If in doubt, students should ask their teacher before opening emails from unknown senders.
- Please note school emails are terminated on school completion/after 6th year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The following statements apply to the use of messaging, blogging and video streaming services in CTI Clonmel:

- Use of instant messaging services and apps including Snapchat, WhatsApp, G Chat etc... is not allowed in CTI Clonmel,
- Use of blogs such as blogger, Word Press, Tumblr etc... is allowed in CTI Clonmel with express permission from teaching staff. It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure that blog content complies with this AUP.
- Use of video streaming sites such as YouTube and Vimeo etc. is allowed with express permission from teaching staff.

Staff and students must not:

- use social media and the internet in any way to harass, insult, abuse or defame students, their family members, staff, other members of the CTI Clonmel community or the wider community.
- discuss personal information about students, staff and other members of the CTI Clonmel community on social media.
- use school email addresses for setting up personal social media accounts or to communicate through such media.
- engage in activities involving social media which might bring CTI Clonmel into disrepute.
- represent personal views as the views of CTI Clonmel on any social medium.

PERSONAL DEVICES INCLUDING PHONE

Students using their own technology in school should follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if they were using school equipment.

Students are not permitted to use phones while on the school premises. Should they wish to contact home they may do so through the school office. Select rules regarding the use of phones when not permitted is laid out in the school's code of behaviour policy.

The following statements apply to the use of internet-enabled devices such as tablets, gaming devices, and digital music players in CTI Clonmel:

- Students are only allowed to use personal internet-enabled devices during lessons/in school with expressed permission from teaching staff.
- **Note: after school**, it is understood that students may need to use phones to contact home. This must be done outside the school building.

SCHOOL DEVICES

There is a full section covering the use of the school device (appendix 1). The focus of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for all devices at CTI Clonmel is to provide tools and resources to the 21st Century Learner. Excellence in education requires that technology is seamlessly integrated throughout the educational program. Increasing access to technology is essential for that future. The AUP for iPads and Laptops is a way to empower students to maximize their full potential and to prepare them for college and the workplace. In summary, all the provisions of this code apply to the use of iPads, Laptops and BYOD.

The following is strictly prohibited:

- Any attempt to bypass the school internet filter.
- Any attempt to 'jailbreak' root' or in any way alter the operating system of their device for the purpose of loading prohibited content.
- Any attempt to remove the management profile of the school iPad or Laptop.

It is a parental responsibility to ensure supervision of internet access while students access the internet at home or at any place outside school.

Students should be cognisant of good digital citizenship practices that will ensure their online safety and respect for copyright and intellectual property rights when using iPads and laptops

Students are responsible for the safekeeping of their devices. They should be kept safe while not in use. The school is not responsible for loss or breakage of devices.

USING ICT FOR LEARNING

When students use ICT as a means of learning in the classroom, they must not edit or alter another student's work. Students should respect each other and each other's work when doing collaborative work (this also applies to work done using ICT outside school).

IMAGES & VIDEO

At CTI Clonmel, students must not take, use, share, publish or distribute images of others without their permission.

Taking photos or videos when participating in school activities is allowed once care is taken that parents of students (or students themselves where the student is over 18) have given permission to use the image and that no harm is done to staff or students of CTI Clonmel.

Taking photos or videos on school grounds or when participating in school activities is only allowed with expressed permission from staff.

Care should be taken when taking photographic or video images that students are appropriately dressed and are not participating in activities that might bring the individuals or the school into disrepute.

Written permission from parents or carers (or students themselves where the student is over 18) will be obtained before photographs of students are published on the school website.

Students must not share images, videos or other content online with the intention to harm another member of the school community regardless of whether this happens in school or outside.

Sharing explicit images and in particular explicit images of students and/or minors is unacceptable and absolutely prohibited behaviour, with extremely serious consequences and sanctions for those involved. Each case is dealt with on its own merits, but the ultimate sanction of expulsion is reserved. Incidents will be reported to the Gardaí and Tusla.

CYBERBULLYING

When using the internet students, parents and staff are expected to always treat others with respect. Engaging in online activities with the intention to harm, harass, or embarrass another pupil or member of staff is unacceptable and prohibited behaviour, with serious consequences and sanctions for those involved. Students are reminded that online bullying is, by its nature, considered to be repeated, and the consequences of same are very serious.

Measures are taken to ensure that staff and students are aware that bullying is defined as unwanted negative behaviour, verbal, psychological or physical, conducted by an individual or group against another person (or persons) and which is repeated over time. This definition includes cyber-bullying even when it happens outside the school or at night.

Isolated or once-off incidents of intentional negative behaviour, including a once-off offensive or hurtful text message (sent to one person) or other private messaging (sent to one person), do not fall within the definition of bullying and will be dealt with, as appropriate, in accordance with the school's code of behaviour.

The prevention of cyberbullying is an integral part of the Bí Cineálta (anti-bullying) policy of our school.

SCHOOL WEBSITES

Students will be given the opportunity to publish projects, artwork or schoolwork on the internet. This is allowed once care is taken that parents of students (or students themselves where the student is over 18)

have given permission to use the work. The website will be regularly checked to ensure that no content compromises the safety, privacy, or reputation of students or staff.

Webpages allowing comments or user-generated content will be pre-moderated and checked frequently to ensure that they do not contain any inappropriate or offensive content. The publication of student work will be coordinated by a teacher.

Personal student information including home address and contact details will not be published on CTI Clonmel web pages.

REMOTE LEARNING

Please note that provisions for remote learning and aspects of safeguarding relating to this are dealt with in Appendix 2 of this document.

PERMISSION FORM/LEGISLATION

The school has provided information on the following legislation relating to the use of the Internet on www.cti-clonmel.ie for teachers, students and parents. It is each person's responsibility to familiarise themselves with:

- Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003
- Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998
- Interception Act 1993
- Video Recordings Act 1989
- The Data Protection Act 1988
- Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act, 2020.



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I agree to follow the school's Acceptable Use Policy on the use of the Internet. I will use the Internet in a responsible way and obey all the rules explained to me by the school.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and grant permission for my son or daughter or the child in my care to access the Internet. I understand that Internet access is intended for educational purposes. I also understand that every reasonable precaution has been taken by the school to provide for online safety, but the school cannot be held responsible if students access unsuitable websites.

In relation to the school website, I accept that, if the school considers it appropriate, my child's schoolwork may be chosen for inclusion on the website or other social media platforms. I understand and accept the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy relating to publishing students' work on the school website.

In the case where a student is over 18 the student signs this themselves.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____



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Please review the attached school Internet Acceptable Use Policy, and sign and return this permission form to the Principal.

School Name: _____

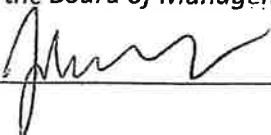
Name of Student: _____

Class/Year: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 10th September '25 [date]

Signed: 
Chairperson of the Board of Management

Signed: 
Principal

Date: 10/9/25

Date of next review: _____

APPENDIX 1

I-PAD & Laptop ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)

INTRODUCTION

CTI Clonmel acknowledges the support of parents for the iPad & Laptop initiative. We believe that the use of iPads & Laptops in the classroom contributes greatly to the richness and variety of the student learning experience. This policy must be read in conjunction with the Code of Behaviour and the ICT Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). This policy remains in effect throughout the year including all holidays.

EDUCATIONAL USE ONLY

The iPad/Laptop is for educational use only. We believe that there is considerable benefit to teaching and learning and to student welfare in confining the use of iPads/Laptops to educational use only. These include:

- For students: avoiding distractions while doing homework and classwork. Reduced peer pressure.
- For parents: peace of mind - many parents do not feel confident in terms of 'monitoring' their children's iPad/Laptop.
- For teachers: avoiding wasting teaching time - we need to ensure that teachers' time and energy can be focused to the maximum extent on teaching and learning.
- Child protection: minimising inappropriate use of the iPad/Laptop.

iPads for first years entering Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 are configured such that only preloaded educational applications are permitted on the iPad. On all other iPads the school is notified if apps that have been placed on an unsuitable list (which includes all VPNs) are downloaded. Laptops will be used exclusively from September 2022 onwards in CTI Clonmel.

EQUIPMENT - Raheen College & Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn

Parents of students in Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn are responsible for purchasing the iPad/Laptop and apps for their son/daughter. Parents are also responsible for the safe-keeping, repair and insurance of their son/daughter's iPad/Laptop. Parents retain ownership and possession of the iPad/Laptop and agree to grant to teachers and school management the right to collect, inspect or confiscate (for a limited period) the iPad/Laptop at any time and the right to alter, add or delete any installed software or hardware. Parents also agree that the school will manage and monitor the iPad/Laptop for inappropriate use of school resources, in accordance with the ICT AUP. Usage within the school is a privilege and not a right. Students may lose the privilege to use the iPad/Laptop and to have it in their possession if they abuse their responsibilities and breach this policy, or the ICT AUP. As these devices are purchased by parents, parents have an additional responsibility to ensure that any installed apps are appropriate for school.

DAMAGE OR LOSS OF EQUIPMENT – Raheen College & Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn

Students must report any damage or loss to either the class Tutor, Year Head or the ICT Coordinator who will determine necessary action. All iPads/Laptops purchased from wriggle are covered by a manufacturer's warranty of one year. Families must work with Wriggle in this regard. The warranty covers manufacturer's defects. If an iPad/Laptop is lost or damaged by neglect or misuse it is the family's financial responsibility to replace the iPad/Laptop. It is recommended that parents insure the iPad/Laptop.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Arrive at school each day with a fully charged iPad/Laptop (>80% charged).
- Ensure that only apps, websites etc... that relate to your work in class are open during class time.
- Always keep iPads flat on the desk when in class.
- You MUST ask a teacher before using the camera function.
- To immediately stop using an iPad/Laptop if a teacher requests. If requested students are not to close any apps and should go "hands-off" from the iPad/Laptop.

- Keep the iPad/Laptop in a protective case and kept safe when not in use. iPads must not be in bags on the floor, on top of lockers etc.... The school is not liable for any damage or loss of an iPad/Laptop.
- Do not let anyone use the iPad/Laptop other than your parents or ICT Coordinator.
- Adhere to this policy and the AUP.
- Report any problems, damage or theft immediately to either your Tutor, Year Head or ICT Coordinator.
- Report any interference by any other student immediately to either the Tutor or the Year Head
- Leave iPad/Laptop in a safe place when you are on tours and activities. Specific permission will be given by teachers if students are required to have iPads/Laptops outside class time.

During break and lunch, the iPad/Laptop is not to be used. This is to give your eyes a break from the screen and to ensure that students get a chance to chat and socialise.

- Note: If a new iPad/Laptop is purchased for the student (through the wriggle system and with school consent). The student must present the iPad/Laptop to the ICT Coordinator so it can be set up to work on the school wireless network as well as to have the appropriate control systems applied.

The following is a list of permitted apps:

Brainscape - Smart Flashcards	Canva	CJ Fallon eBook Reader
Comic Life 3	Dropbox - Backup, Sync, Share	Duolingo - Language Lessons
Edco Learning	Edpuzzle	Educate.ie
Evernote - Notes Organizer	Expeditions	Folens HIVE
FlipaClip: Cartoon Animation Flipgrid.	Explain Everything Whiteboard	Folens post-primary eReader
GarageBand	GeoGebra Classic	Gill Explore

Google Calendar: Get Organised	Google Earth	Google Translate
Grammarly Keyboard Hangouts	ibis Paint X	JavaScript Anywhere JSAnywhere
iMovie	iTunes U	Jamboard
Kahoot! Play & Create Quizzes	Keynote	Khan Academy
KineMaster - Video Editor	Make Dice Lite	Mentor Books Merriam- Webster Dictionary
micro:bit	Microsoft - OneNote	Microsoft - OneDrive
Microsoft - Powerpoint	Microsoft Word	Numbers
Outlook – email by Microsoft	Padlet	Pages
PicCollage Grid & Photo Editor	PicMonkey Photo Editor Design	Pixabay
Popplet Lite	Prezi Viewer	Puppet Pals HD
Quizlet Flashcards & Homework	ScratchJr	Showbie
ShowMe Interactive Whiteboard	SimpleMind - Mind Mapping	Skitch - Snap. Mark Up. Send.
Socrative Student	TapTyping - typing trainer	TeacherTube
Teams – from Microsoft	Tellagami	The Calculator
Tinycards - Fun Flashcards	Touch-type Read and Spell Voice	
Record Pro	Word reference dictionary	

Due to the rapidly changing pace of technology this is not a definitive list, and apps may be added or removed from this list as the year progresses.

Only the school Mobile Device Management profile may be installed on the device, no other profile may be installed on the device for any reason, including but not limited to, any profile which contravenes copyright protection on apps, any profile providing illegal streaming services, any profile designed to hid applications.

The following is a list of permitted iPad apps in CTI Clonmel, Raheen College and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn:

Brainscape - Smart Flashcards	Microsoft Edge	Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Flow	Microsoft Office	Microsoft OneNote
Microsoft Powerpoint	Microsoft Teams	Microsoft Word
Paint 3D	Python	Notepad++
Thonny	CJ Fallon eBook Reader	

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Parents should inspect the iPad/Laptop regularly to ensure that it is in good working order.
- Parents should report immediately any damage, interference or issues relating to ownership, possession or use of the iPad/Laptop to the class tutor or Year Head.
- Parents should inspect the iPad/Laptop and the installed Apps on a regular basis to ensure that there is no inappropriate material.
- Parents should inspect the student's iPad's/Laptop's internet history on a regular basis to ensure that they are not exposed to inappropriate material.

To ensure the student is complying with the restrictions placed on non-BYODs (i.e. only appropriate apps are installed on the student device).

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To enforce this policy, the ICT Acceptable Use Policy and the Code of Behaviour.
- To make every effort to resolve any reported issues relating to ownership, possession or use of the iPad/Laptop.

RESTRICTED USE AND CONFISCATION

Students who breach this AUP, CTI Clonmel, Senior College, Raheen College and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn ICT AUP or any reasonable standards of usage of the iPad/Laptop will be subject to sanction. An iPad/Laptop may be confiscated for a limited period or subjected to restricted use because of misuse either by the student or any other student. Reasons for placing a student on 'Restricted Use' or confiscation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Non-compliance with this policy or the ICT AUP.
- Inappropriate use of any App
- Inappropriate use of the camera.
- Inappropriate, inaccurate, defamatory, obscene, or illegal material found on the iPad/Laptop.
- Failure to take proper care of the iPad/Laptop.
- Failure to co-operate with the school's investigation of iPad/Laptop misuse.
- Repeated failure to bring iPad/Laptop to class.
- Students may not "Jailbreak" or in any other way circumvent restrictions placed by Apple/Microsoft on the device. This is a serious breach of this AUP.
- Removal of the installed Mobile Device Management profile. Note: As these devices are BYODs it is easier for the student to remove the management profile. As such extra checks will periodically be carried out on the students' iPads/Laptops to ensure compliance with this AUP.

Sanctions

1st Infraction	Warning by Year Head/Teacher
2nd Infraction	Device stays at home for 24 hours
3rd Infraction	Device stays at home for 48 hours
4th Infraction	Device stays at home for 1 week
5th Infraction	Device stays at home for 1 month Parents called to discuss the matter

During these periods textbooks/notes must be used in place of the student's iPad/laptop.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE IPAD/Laptop

General Care

- Keep the equipment clean.
- Do not eat or drink while using the iPad/Laptop.
- No graffiti or stickers on the iPad/Laptop or cover.
- No inappropriate background pictures. Students may not permanently alter an iPad/Laptop in any way.
- Students may not remove any serial numbers, identification or school labels placed on the iPad/Laptop.

Carrying the iPad/Laptop

- Carry the iPad/Laptop in your school bag when travelling to and from school and during the school day.
- For safety students should not use the iPad/Laptop in public
- Leave the iPad/Laptop in a safe place when not in use.

Screen Care

- Clean the screen with a soft, dry anti-static cloth or with a screen cleaner designed specifically for LCD type screens.
- Cover – screen covers prevent scratches.

Personal Health & Safety

- Avoid extended use of the iPad/Laptop while resting directly on your lap. The bottom of the iPad can generate significant heat. It is not suitable to do this with laptops as they will themselves overheat as the fan is at the base of the device.
- Take frequent breaks when using the iPad/Laptop for long periods of time. Look away from the iPad/Laptop approximately every fifteen minutes.
- iPads/Laptops are not permitted to be used during break time or lunch without permission from a teacher.
- Do not provide your personal information to anyone over the Internet.
- Do not share your passwords with anyone.
- Keep the iPad/Laptop in a secure location when not in school.

APPENDIX 2

AUP TO BE FOLLOWED IN EVENT OF REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning will only take place during the event of an extended school closure and only using the Microsoft platform – Microsoft Teams, Microsoft OneNote, Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft OneDrive.

Staff will only use their school assigned Microsoft Outlook Emails via Microsoft Teams to communicate with student's school assigned profile.

- Use of any personal accounts to communicate with learners and/or parents/guardians is not permitted.
- Students must use school emails only.

Any pre-existing relationships or situations which mean this cannot be complied with will be discussed with the principal, the DLP.

Staff will work with provided equipment where possible e.g., school provided Desktop, Laptop, iPad or other mobile devices. Staff will use strong passwords and log out of devices when not in use. If using devices other than a school provided machine teachers to inform the principal as he will need to communicate clear expectations regarding safeguarding and data security when using personal devices e.g., using strong passwords, suitable levels of encryption, logging off or locking devices when not in use etc.

Online contact with learners and/or parents/guardians will not take place outside of the operating times of the school day 8.45am – 3.30pm.

All remote lessons will follow the normal timetable.

DATA PROTECTION AND SECURITY

CTI Clonmel, Senior College, Raheen College and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn will continue to follow the guidance outlined in Tipperary ETB's Data Protection policy.

All participants will be made aware that the Microsoft platform records activity. Staff or students will not record lessons or meetings using personal equipment unless agreed and risk assessed by the principal.

Only members of the CTI Clonmel, Senior College, Raheen College and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn community will be given access to the school's Microsoft platform. If outsiders who need access to enhance the educational experience of students are being given temporary access to the system this will be approved by the principal.

It is expected that all users will use strong passwords and logging off or locking devices when not in use.

SESSION MANAGEMENT

Staff will record the attendance at live sessions using VS ware.

Appropriate privacy and safety settings will be used to manage access and interactions. This includes:

- Students will only be permitted to share screens with explicit permission of teachers and teachers will turn off Teams for the classroom when not in use.

When live streaming with learners:

- Staff will mute/disable learners' videos and microphones.
- If only 1 student turns up and there is only 1 staff member the staff member will terminate the lesson and inform the DLP.

PREARRANGED LIVE 1:1 SESSIONS

Live 1:1 session will only take place with approval from the principal or the SEN Coordinator. Live 1:1 session with learners are not recommended unless they are approved by the principal or the SEN Coordinator and a parent/carer is present in the room if possible (however, this may not be appropriate if providing counselling or safeguarding support). Where possible an SNA will be scheduled to “sit in” in a remote 1:1 lesson.

The following is the agreed protocol for 1:1 counselling provided by the two trained Guidance Counsellors in our school.

- Support will be provided in line with
<https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/Post-Primary-School-Policies/Policies/continuity-of-guidance-counsellinghttps://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/Post-Primary-School-Policies/Policies/continuity-of-guidance-counselling-guidelines-for-schools-providing-online-support-for-students.pdfguidelines-for-schools-providing-online-support-for-students.pdf>
- The Guidance counsellors will agree with the principal/DLP the provisions to be in place and will follow best practice as laid down by the NCGE and the DES.

For further information on this please see the Whole School Guidance Plan.

Access links to live sessions should not be made public or shared by participants. Learners and/or parents/guardians should not forward or share access links. If learners/parents/guardians believe a link should be shared with others, they will discuss this with the member of staff running the session first.

Learners are encouraged to attend lessons in a shared/communal space or room with an open door and/or when appropriately supervised by a parent/carer or another appropriate adult.

Alternative approaches and/or access will be provided to those who do not have access.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Staff will model safe practice and moderate behaviour online during remote sessions as they would in the classroom. Students should note that the full code of behaviour continues to apply in a remote learning environment.

All participants are expected to behave in line with existing school/setting policies and expectations. This includes:

- Appropriate language will be used by all attendees.
- Staff or students will not take or record images for their own personal use.

Staff will remind attendees of behaviour expectations and reporting mechanisms at the start of the session.

When sharing videos and/or live streaming, participants are required to:

- wear appropriate dress.
- ensure backgrounds of videos are neutral (blurred if possible).
- ensure that personal information and/or unsuitable personal items are not visible, either on screen or in video backgrounds.

Educational resources will be used or shared in line with our existing teaching and learning policies, taking licensing and copyright into account.

POLICY BREACHES AND REPORTING CONCERNS

Participants are encouraged to report concerns during remote and/or live streamed sessions:

- If students have any concerns, they should report them to the member of staff running the session or tell their parent/guardian.

If inappropriate language or behaviour takes place, participants involved will be removed by staff, the session may be terminated, and concerns will be reported to the year head/Dean of Discipline.

Inappropriate online behaviour will be responded to in line with existing policies such as acceptable use of technology, allegations against staff, anti-bullying and behaviour.

- Deliberate misuse of online platforms will be treated as a major or extreme breach of the code of behaviour.

Any safeguarding concerns will be reported to John McCarthy, DLP in line with the safeguarding statement.

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and Appendix 2, and I consent to my son/daughter taking part in synchronous classes online.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Student Name _____ **Class** _____

APPENDIX 3

CTI CLONMEL LAPTOP CONTRACT

This is to confirm that as a CTI Clonmel student your son/daughter _____ will receive a laptop from CTI Clonmel.

We the parents/guardians (or student themselves if over 18) understand that the laptop is the property of CTI Clonmel.

- The laptop will be given to the student each day after roll call.
- The student is fully responsible for minding the laptop all day.
- The laptop must be kept safe at break and lunchtime.
- It must be returned to the charging station each evening.
- The laptop is to remain in school unless the student is given express permission to use it at home.
- If a laptop is damaged the parent /guardian is responsible for the full repair or replacement cost.

I agree to abide by this Laptop policy.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ICT Co-Ordinator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

