

Blogging Guidelines

Blogging is a **very public** activity. Anything that gets posted on the internet stays there. Forever. Deleting a post simply removes it from the blog it was posted to. Copies of the post may exist scattered all over the internet. That is why we are being so careful to respect your privacy and using first names only. We do not use pictures of ourselves. If you really want a graphic image associated with your posting use an avatar – a picture of something that represents you but IS NOT of you.

Students using blogs are expected to treat blogspaces as classroom spaces. Speech that is inappropriate for class is not appropriate for our blog. While we encourage you to engage in debate and conversation with other bloggers, we also expect that you will conduct yourself in a manner reflective of a representative of this school.

Never EVER **EVER** give out or record personal information on your blog. Your blog exists as a public space on the Internet. Don't share anything that you don't want the world to know. For your safety, be careful what you say, too. Do not give out your phone number or home address. This is particularly important to remember if you have a personal online journal or blog elsewhere.

Again, your blog is a public space. And if you put it on the Internet, odds are really good that it will stay on the Internet. **Always.** That means ten years from now when you are looking for a job, it might be possible for an employer to discover some really hateful and immature things you said when you were younger and more prone to saying foolish things. Be sure that you are proud of anything you write... it could come back to haunt you if you don't.

Never link to something you haven't read. While it isn't your job to police the Internet, when you link to something, you should make sure it is something that you really want to be associated with. If a link contains material that might be creepy or make some people uncomfortable, you should probably try a different source.

Freedom of speech comes with personal responsibility. Everything you post represents you. You shouldn't post anything you wouldn't be comfortable with anyone, from your parents to potential employers, viewing.

These rules are based on : <http://mathmusings.blogspot.com/2006/01/safe-blogging.html>

Mr. Winton's Blogging Policy

To use the edublogs, you must agree to the following:

1. I will not use any swearing or inappropriate language.
2. I will not threaten or provoke anyone.
3. I will avoid the use of chat language/txt language.
4. I will try to spell everything correctly.
5. I will only give constructive criticism.
6. I will only use my first name.
7. I will not post pictures of myself.
8. I will not give out any personal information about myself or anyone else.
9. I am responsible for anything posted in my name.
10. I will not plagiarize.
11. I will use common sense.

I recognize that breaking any of these rules could lead to any of the following consequences depending on severity and repetition:

1. a warning
2. deletion of some or all of the post
3. temporary loss of blogging privileges
4. permanent loss of blogging privileges

I further recognize that the blog is considered a virtual extension of our classroom, and therefore all PKC rules and regulations, Perth Academy rules and regulations, and Scots Law apply. **I am aware that violation of any of these rules may be referred to the School Administration.**

(Print Name) _____

(Student Signature) _____

(Parent Signature) _____

(date)_____