

Internet Usage Policy Statement

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North Plymouth Community Church has installed broadband internet with Wi-Fi access in order to assist in the running of the church and the ministries that flow from it. Access to this internet and Wi-Fi service is a privilege granted by the elders of North Plymouth Community Church subject to the agreement of this access & usage policy.

Introduction

This policy outlines the standards by which North Plymouth Community Church requires all users of its electronic communications systems and equipment to follow.

What is covered by the Policy?

The use of and access to, the internet; both via the church PC and the Wi-Fi network at The Worship Centre.

Who is covered by the policy?

This policy covers all individuals who wish to use the Wi-Fi network or access the internet at The Worship Centre.

Internet Use

Users are reminded that their use of the internet will be directly traceable to our internet address. The internet and Wi-Fi service may be used for lawful purposes only and the user may not submit, publish or display any content that breaches any law, statute or regulation. In particular, the user agrees not to use the internet access for any activity that

- is defamatory, threatening or intimidatory or which could be classed as bullying or harassment
- involves obscene, profane or abusive language
- contains pornographic material whether in writing, pictures, films, video clips or any other media
- contains offensive material regarding sex, race, religion or any disability or sexual orientation
- infringes third party rights or is otherwise unlawful or inappropriate
- involves illegal access to or downloading of copyright material

- involves sending unsolicited commercial email or “spam”, or any similar abuse of the service
- make available or upload files that the user knows contain a virus, worm, trojan or corrupt data.

Internet Content

North Plymouth Community Church reserves the right to block access to any site and will take all reasonable steps to block any site it deems inappropriate; however North Plymouth Community Church cannot guarantee that all inappropriate content will be blocked. If you gain access to a site that you deem inappropriate, close your web browser immediately.

Systems and Data Security

The Worship Centre provides internet access via the wireless network and will undertake all reasonable steps to ensure it is secure from unauthorised users. However, no guarantee can be made to this effect. You are responsible for your own anti-virus and anti-malware precautions. North Plymouth Community Church will not be held responsible for any damage to your equipment whilst connected to its network.

You should not attempt to gain access to restricted areas of the network or to any password protected information without being duly authorised to do so.

Monitoring and Compliance

North Plymouth Community Church reserves the right to protect its network and systems by recording user activity:

- To ensure that the use of the system is legitimate and in accordance with this policy
- To comply with any legal obligation
- If the use constitutes a criminal offence the information will be handed to the police
- Wireless access to the internet is granted to you in accordance with this policy
- You must not share the Wi-Fi password with another person (including members of your family). Anyone wishing to access the internet must first request permission from the elders and then complete a form like this.

If the user fails to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy outlined here, North Plymouth Community Church shall be entitled to withdraw the use of the Wi-Fi and internet services from them.

Policy Updates

Due to the dynamic nature of technology and the internet, the Worship Centre Wi-Fi Access and Internet Usage Policy is subject to change. Any updates to the policy will be rolled out to all its users.

Register of Users

Anyone wishing to use the internet or Wi-Fi will need to sign the register of users, giving details of their

- Full name
- Contact email address
- Reason for use
- Signature
- Device MAC address

This policy has been agreed by the Elders of North Plymouth Community Church, appointing David Noble and Mike Allen as Network Administrators, on 27th November 2019. Any concerns regarding this policy should be raised directly with the Church Elders, while any technical assistance should be sought from Mike or David.