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Purpose

At Weston Green School, we embrace technology to support learning while ensuring a safe and structured online environment. Just as teachers carefully select and review educational videos before showing them in class, students will only be allowed to use AI-powered websites that have been reviewed and approved by staff.

Understanding AI in Education

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is used in many online tools, but not all AI functions in the same way. We distinguish between:

1. Assistive AI (Allowed in School)

These AI-powered tools enhance learning by offering structured guidance, but they do not create independent content. Examples include:

- Autocomplete in Google Docs
- Spelling and grammar suggestions
- Adaptive learning quizzes and coding tools

Examples of Approved Assistive AI Websites:

- Canva for Education (with AI-generated tools disabled)
- Google Applied Digital Skills
- Scratch (for coding projects, ages 8–16)
- BBC Bitesize, National Geographic Kids, NASA for Students

2. Generative AI (Not Allowed in School)

Generative AI creates new content without human guidance. This can include writing essays, generating images, or holding open-ended conversations, which may produce unreliable or inappropriate results.

Examples of Generative AI Tools That Are Not Permitted:

- ChatGPT, Google Bard, Character.ai

- Snapchat's My AI
- AI image or text generators (e.g., Magic Write in Canva, DALL·E, DeepAI)

Approved Websites

Children may only use websites that have been explicitly recommended by teachers. This ensures:

- All content is age-appropriate
- Students engage with safe and reliable educational materials
- AI is used to support, not replace, learning

Canva for Education – Safe Use

As part of our creative curriculum, we are introducing Canva for Education with strict guidelines:

AI-generated content tools (Magic Write, Magic Design, etc.) will be disabled for students. Teachers will supervise all use to ensure Canva is used for design and presentation projects only.

Parents are encouraged to supervise Canva use at home and ensure children do not enable AI tools outside school settings.

Parental & Staff Responsibility

- **Teachers will guide** students in using approved websites safely and responsibly.
- **Parents are encouraged** to discuss safe online behavior and supervise technology use at home.

This policy ensures that students benefit from digital learning while staying safe online.

Thank you for your support in creating a responsible digital environment at Weston Green School.

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