



## MARSDEN MECHANICS

### ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS WI-FI

(BY LOGGING ON TO OUR WI-FI YOU AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS POLICY)

**1. Why does the hall provide public access wi-fi?**

- Access to the internet opens up equal opportunities including education, lifelong learning, increasing training, skills levels and employment whilst benefiting health, the community and the environment.

**2. Who can use the wi-fi?**

- People who possess a wi-fi enabled device.

**3. What can you do with this wi-fi?**

- Access the internet and world wide web which includes social networking sites e.g. Facebook, X, Flickr and Youtube
- **Please note:** You should take care with personal information as Marsden Mechanics cannot be held responsible for any of your personal information.

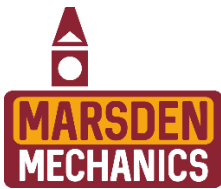
**4. Is Internet access filtered by Marsden Mechanics?**

Yes it is, but

- It doesn't block all potentially 'offensive' sites and, it can also block some useful ones. Some sites can be unblocked, ask a member of staff about this process.
- You should be aware that Marsden Mechanics are not responsible for the quality, accuracy, legality or availability of information you may find on the internet. Marsden Mechanics is not liable for loss, damage or injury whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, suffered as a result of using on-line resources.

**5. Here's how it works**

- You must not access material that is, or is reasonably considered by Marsden Mechanics, to be offensive, violent or obscene, or to download materials from illegal websites or to distribute such material. The Hall reserves the right to monitor and record the user's access to sites with regard to content, block any inappropriate sites and where applicable to report to any relevant police or other authority in respect of any inappropriate or unlawful use of the internet by the user.
- Some Internet resources may contain material of a controversial nature. The Hall cannot censor access to all such material, nor protect users from potentially offensive material. It remains the responsibility of the user to determine what is appropriate.
- You must be aware that you are in a shared space used by people of all ages and respect the privacy of others by not trying to look at, or comment on, what they are viewing.
- **Parents or Carers of young people under 16 years of age must sign a form to authorise that person's use of the Internet and are responsible for monitoring material that they access. Please speak with reception.**
- All users of IT must abide by all current relevant legislation and regulations including but not limited to legislation relating to Copyright, Data Protection and Obscene Publications and must comply with any copyright permissions and restrictions of the individual websites that you view.
- You must not view live TV broadcasts streamed over the internet (Marsden Mechanics is not licensed for live TV transmission).
- Your access to the internet is on a 'self service' basis.



- You must not interfere with or damage equipment.
  - You must respect other users at all times and not interfere with their comfort in any way.
  - Not to otherwise violate the Marsden Mechanics' Acceptable Use Policy for Public Access Computers
- 6. The following non-exhaustive list of conduct by a user shall be deemed to be Serious Misconduct**
- Viewing material that violates the law, this includes those regarding accessing, viewing, printing and distributing obscene<sup>1</sup> material or child pornography. It also includes material rendered illegal by Blasphemy Common Law, Race Relations Act (1976), Racial and Religious Hatred Act (2006) and the Terrorism Act (2006) or any other relevant legislation.
  - Hacking into the Hall's computer system or any other computer system.
  - Mishandling, damaging or attempting to damage computer equipment or software or tampering with computer settings.
  - Interfering with Marsden Mechanics' system operations, integrity or security.
  - Attempting to gain or gaining access to another person's files.
  - Displaying or printing materials that violate Kirklees council's policies on racial and sexual harassment.
  - Engaging in any activity that is violent or deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.
  - Refusing or ignoring the reasonable requests of staff to log off.
- 7. Enforcement**
- Where any user is found to be in substantial breach of any of the terms of this policy, Marsden Mechanics will issue an oral warning and issue a written warning on any subsequent breach, occurring within a period of 24 months, of the first breach, of any term of this policy.
  - If there is a substantial breach of any of the terms of this policy on a third occasion, occurring within 24 months of the previous breach, the user will be denied access to the library facilities for a period of up to 6 months at the discretion of Marsden Mechanics or for so long as any breach persists, whichever is the later.
  - In cases where there is Serious Misconduct, Marsden Mechanics shall accelerate commencement of the enforcement procedure to the issue of a written warning and reserves the right at its discretion to deny forthwith a user access to the library facilities and for any period in respect of any conduct by the user which Marsden Mechanics considers is sufficiently serious to warrant such exclusion.

As at June 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by the Obscene Publications Act (1959)