

New College Durham

Virtual Learning Environment Acceptable Use Policy

New College Durham (NCD) offers staff and learners the use of the Schoology online learning environment. However, misuse of the site could have serious legal implications for users and NCD. In order to use the platform you must agree to the following rules.

You may not access, distribute or place any material on Schoology that

- is illegal in the UK
- is offensive, obscene or excessively violent (you are reminded that possession or distribution of pornographic material may be subject to criminal prosecution)
- aims to encourage discrimination on the grounds of gender, sexual orientation, religion, or ethnic origin
- encourages or facilitates illegal activities, such as those relating to drugs, terrorism, computer hacking and credit card fraud
- is in breach of copyright owners' statutory rights; you must not plagiarise the work of others, or post any content including images without the permission of the owner or correct licenses. Non-original content must be correctly attributed.

In-system messaging or chat must not be used to harass or intimidate, or become a nuisance to another person.

You are reminded that your use of the platform may be monitored. As with all public sites, you should not regard any of your activity as private or confidential.

If any tutor or learner suspects that an activity is criminal or is in breach of a NCD regulation or procedure, then they should report the matter to the Course Leader who will ensure the correct procedures are followed. NCD reserves the right to examine any activity log deemed necessary and the content of any recorded messages may be used for internal disciplinary proceedings or criminal prosecutions.