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GUIDELINES FOR USE OF OPLIN AND THE INTERNET

By using the London Public Library's computer you as a patron agree to the following:

- The Library's OPLIN computer accesses the Internet which is a global entity with a highly diverse user population and Library patrons use it at their own risk. As with other library materials, it is the patron or the parent or legal guardian of the minor children who assumes responsibility for supervising access to Internet resources in the Library. Parents and children are encouraged to read the accompanying reprint of the pamphlet "Child Safety on the Information Highway", jointly produced by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Interactive Services Association.

- First time users will receive a copy of this policy and OPLIN access information.

- The OPLIN computers are normally available, subject to periodic maintenance, during library hours.

Monday—Thursday	9:00—8:30
Friday	9:00—5:00
Saturday	10:00—4:00
Sunday	1:00—5:00

- Use of OPLIN computers is n a first come-first serve basis. Use is limited to 30 minutes if others are waiting to use a computer. If someone is waiting you are expected to make the computer available within5 minutes of being informed by Library staff that another person is waiting.

- The OPLIN computers will be used for educational, informational and recreational purposes only, not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes. You may not send, received or display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as sexually explicit, or which contain bigoted or inflammatory opinions or which glorify drug use.

- You are prohibited from using the Library's computers to send, received or display any text or graphics of a nature which the courts have adjudged criminal or which violate commonly accepted standards of decency in the London community.

- Standard Internet etiquette is to be observed. You are expected to respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting yourself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to others; by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database. The Library will

assist in investigations of individuals who hack at any computer via the Library's network.

- You may not send or receive email (electronic mail) using the OPLIN server.

- You may not use your own software programs on the Library's OPLIN computers. This policy will help prevent computer viruses that are common the public computers.

- To guard further against computer viruses, you will need to ask the Library staff for a diskette if you wish to save files. Diskettes are available for $1.00. You may not use your own diskettes. Only diskettes purchase at the Library can be used to download information.

- Software downloaded from the OPLIN computer may contain a virus and you should have virus checking software on your computer. The London Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's diskette or computer, or for any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron use of the Library's computers.

- You may not be able to go to the places on the Internet that you want to visit. The reason may be:

  too many visitors using the host computer.
  the database or resource is limited to a particular institution.
  the host computer has a different address or has closed down.
  the Library's OPLIN connection is temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.

- Library staff will be glad to assist you in accessing OPLIN and the Internet. Staff cannot provide individual in-depth technical instruction but may be able to suggest search strategies and answer questions. From time to time the Library will offer group instruction form members of the London Community.

Patrons violating these guidelines will be asked once to stop. If the violation continues the patron will forfeit the privilege of using the computers.

Any issues not covered here fall under general Library operations.

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