

PASSWORD POLICY (2022-23)



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SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT / MONITORING / REVIEW

Password policy was approved by the Governing body of the school on	01/04/2020
The Implementation of this policy will be monitored by the	Password Policy committee members
Monitoring will take place at regular intervals	Annually
Review of the policy	Annually
Last Review Date	10/04/2022
Next anticipated Review date	April 2023

PASSWORD POLICY

Introduction:

Effective password management will protect Habitat School's data and reduce the risk of unauthorized applications access. The policy is to establish a secure information technology environment by enforcing the use of strong passwords. Strong and complex password are the front line of protection for user's accounts. A poorly chosen password may result in the compromise of Habitat's entire network. The purpose of this policy is to provide standards for defining domain passwords to access Habitat IT resources such as email, academic and administrative applications, computing labs and School-owned computer systems for protecting Habitat data and reducing the risk of unauthorized access by enforcing the use of strong passwords.

Scope:

This policy shall apply to all employees, students, and parents of Habitat School, and shall govern acceptable password use on all systems that connect to Habitat School network or access or store Habitat School's data.

Habitat School, Al Tallah Networks

- Habitat- For Staff
- Habitat Guest- For guest and visitors
- Habitat Corp- Corporate Staff

Password Creation

- 1. All user and admin passwords must be at least [8] characters in length. Longer passwords and passphrases are strongly encouraged.
- 2. Where possible, password dictionaries should be utilized to prevent the use of common and easily cracked passwords.
- 3. Passwords must be completely unique, and not used for any other system, application, or personal account.

4. Default installation passwords must be changed immediately after installation is complete.

Password Aging

User passwords and system-level passwords must be changed every [6] months. Previously used passwords may not be reused.

Password Protection

- 1. Passwords must not be shared with anyone (including co-workers and supervisors), and must not be revealed or sent electronically.
- 2. Passwords shall not be written down or physically stored anywhere in the office.
- When configuring password "hints," do not hint at the format of your password (e.g., "zip + middle name")
- 4. User IDs and passwords must not be stored in an unencrypted format.
- 5. User IDs and passwords must not be scripted to enable automatic login.
- 6. "Remember Password" feature on websites and applications should not be used.
- All mobile devices that connect to the company network must be secured with a password and/or biometric authentication and must be configured to lock after 3 minutes of inactivity.

Enforcement

It is the responsibility of the end user to ensure enforcement with the policies above.

First violation:-

For Teaching Staff

Verbal warning by Section Head Name of Section Head (Middle): Ms. Anni . M. Jones Email ID: <u>sectionheadmid@tallah.habitatschool.org</u> Name of Section Head (Primary): Ms. Neethu Jomon Email ID: <u>sectionheadpri@tallah.habitatschool.org</u> Name of Section Head (KG): Ms Swapna Email ID: <u>sectionheadkg@tallah.habitatschool.org</u> **For non-teaching staff** Verbal warning by HSE Name of the HSE officer: Christopher D'Cruze Email ID: <u>christopherj@tallah.habitatschool.org</u>

Second violation:-

Memo will be issued by the Principal Name of Principal: Ms. Mariyam Nizar Ahmed Email ID: <u>principal@tallah.habitatschool.org</u>

Third violation:-

Use of any of school resources for any illegal activity will usually be grounds for summary dismissal, and the school will not hesitate to cooperate with any criminal investigation and prosecution that may result from such activity.

This policy is linked with all the other policies of the School.