

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

The School is responsible for ensuring the safety of electrical appliances provided by the School. However, we must ask parents to take responsibility for ensuring the safety of any appliances brought to the School by their children. Such appliances must meet the relevant safety regulations:

- The appliance must be physically intact, with no broken or taped casing. It must be fit for the purpose for which it was designed and sold, it should comply with the relevant British Standard/ CE standard.
- The flex should be double insulated, i.e. the inner cores should be sheathed and there should be a further outer layer of insulation.
- The flex should terminate in a standard UK 13 Amp square pin plug; ideally a moulded plug with sheathed pins. The flex and plug should be in good condition.
- The plug should be fitted with the correct rating of fuse:

Hi-Fi systems, CD players, desk lamps etc	3 Amp red fuse
Computers and peripherals	5 Amp black fuse
- Only one appliance should be wired into one plug.
- Older style “cube” shaped electrical adaptors are not allowed at School. Only strip extension adaptors may be used. The maximum electrical load on the adaptor should not be more than 3000 Watts (labels on each appliance will show the load for that appliance). If the adaptor is separately fused, the fuse rating must be no higher than the maximum permitted load.

Trained staff regularly inspect electrical equipment. Any damaged equipment, or equipment which does not meeting the above standards will be handed to Housemaster.

For the sake of clarity, the following equipment is not allowed in pupils’ rooms:

- Freezers/fridges
- Rice cookers
- Toasters and sandwich toasters
- Kettles
- Irons
- Electrical heaters
- Deep fat fryers, “George Foreman” grills

The following equipment may be stored in bedrooms, but pupils must ensure that ventilation grilles are not covered with clothes, the equipment must not be used next to curtains etc. and equipment is switched off when they leave the room.

- PCs/tablets/printers/chargers
- Curling tongs/hair dryers