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Dear Parents/Carers

The purpose of Internet use in school is to raise educational standards, to promote pupil achievement, well being and to support the professional work of staff and to enhance the school's management information and business administration systems. Internet access is an entitlement for students who show a responsible and mature approach to its use and we have a duty to provide students with quality internet access as part of their learning experience.

However, we also believe that our pupils also have a responsibility to ensure that they use the internet safely and follow specific guidance rules for acceptable use of the internet whilst they are in school.

As part of our on-going commitment to improving the safety of our children when they are on-line, we are looking to ensure that all children agree and adhere to these rules for acceptable internet use. These rules help the children to be fair to others and keep everyone safe and are as follows:

- We ask permission before we go onto the internet.
 - We only use websites that our teacher has chosen.
 - We immediately close any websites that make us feel uncomfortable.
 - We only e-mail people that our teacher has approved.
 - We never give out our home address or telephone numbers.
 - We never arrange to meet anyone we don't know.
 - We never open e-mails from people we don't know.
 - We never use internet chat rooms.
 - We always tell an adult if we see anything on-line that makes us feel uncomfortable.
 - We never say anything unkind or unpleasant to or about anyone on-line.
 - We never write, draw or make inappropriate or unpleasant reference to school or about anybody from school.
- If children choose not to follow these rules, it will be dealt with very seriously.

As part of our Internet Policy, it has been agreed that all children will sign to say that they agree to adhere to these rules. Please read through these rules with your child and ask them to sign the slip below and return it to their class teacher as soon as possible to say that they agree to abide by these rules.

Many thanks,

Anna Willcox
Headteacher

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Acceptable Use

Name: _____ Year Group: _____

I agree to follow the rules of Acceptable Use while I am using the internet.

Signed _____ Date: _____

