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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

Acceptable Use I.C.T./Internet Agreement Policy – Parent/Carer

New technologies have become integral to the lives of the children and young people in today's society, both within school and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

This agreement is intended to ensure that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other technologies for educational personal and recreational use. It also aims to protect school ICT systems and users from accidental and deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk. It is also used to make parents/carers aware of the importance of online safety and is involved with the education and guidance of young people when they are using the internet or devices.

School will try to ensure that the children will have regular access to a range of ICT equipment to enhance their learning. In return, we expect our children to agree to be responsible users. Attached is a copy of the agreement that we have made with your child in school, so that you can be aware of our expectations.

Parents are requested to read the permissions at the bottom of this letter and inform school only **IF YOU DO NOT** agree to adhere to any of the items listed. If we hear nothing from you, we will presume that you are in agreement with the items mentioned.

Should you have concerns or problems regarding these policies, please call school to make an appointment to speak with our Online Safety Officer.

Thank you for your support.

- As the parent /carer of pupils at St John's C of E Primary, I give permission for my child to have access to the internet and to ICT equipment in school.
- I know that my child has signed an acceptable user agreement (Y1 – Y6) and will receive ongoing e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.
- I understand that school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.
- I understand that my child's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have any concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.
- I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have any concerns over my child's online safety.