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Parent / Carer Computing Acceptable Use Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools 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 Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- That young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the land other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- That the school computing systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- That parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The school will try to ensure that pupils will have good access to computing to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents / carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents / carers are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

Permission Form

As the parent / carer of _____, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the Internet and to computing systems at school.

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, E-Safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the Internet and computing 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 son / daughter's activity on the computing systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

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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 concerns over my child's E-Safety.

Student / Pupil Name	
Parent / Carer Name	
Signed	
Date	