



## Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They 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 internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school / academy 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 online 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 digital technologies 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 are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.



## Parent / Carer Permission Form

Parent / Carers Name: .....

Student / Pupil Name: .....

I will help and support the school in promoting online safety.

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – 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 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's / daughter's activity on the systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I understand that the school has the legal power, under the Education Act 2011, to confiscate and search the contents of a mobile device if the school believes it contains material that could be used to bully or harass others, or material which represents a safeguarding issue to the school community.

I understand that the Headteacher is empowered under the Educations & Inspections Act 2006 to impose disciplinary sanctions for inappropriate digital behaviour. This is pertinent to incidents of cyberbullying or other esafety incidents covered in our esafety policy, which may take place out of school, but is linked to membership of the school.

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 online safety.

I will support the school's approach to online safety and not deliberately post comments or upload any images, sounds or text that could offend any member of the school community or bring the school into disrepute.



## Parent AUP

As the parent / carer of the above pupil, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

Signed: .....

Date: .....