

Parents' Internet permission letter

Dear Parent,

As part of our curriculum, we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet. Before being allowed to use the Internet, all pupils must obtain parental permission. Both you and your child must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of approval and acceptance of the school's policy on 'Acceptable Use of the Internet'.

Access to the Internet will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards whilst exchanging messages with other Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. The school uses Fortinet to provide filters for Internet access to sites that are deemed appropriate for pupils.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorise for access.

During school, teachers will guide pupils towards appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

We would be grateful if you could read the enclosed permission form and then complete appropriately, and return to school.

Yours sincerely,

K Rimmer - HEADTEACHER

St Anne's Primary School, Denton

Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet, Email and other technologies (1.3)

In order for **pupils** at St Anne's to browse the Internet or make use of Email and other technologies, we require each child (and their parent or carer) to sign to show that they understand the importance of adhering to these strict rules:

- I will only use the Internet when I have permission and I am supervised
- I will only send emails to people my teacher has approved. I understand that offensive or bad language will not be tolerated and my emails will be polite at all times. I will not use email or texts as a way to bully another child or adult
- I will not give out my address, home or mobile telephone number, photograph or school name and address on the Internet or in an email. I will not give out personal details of another child or adult either
- I agree never to meet someone I communicate with through email and I will tell a teacher, parent or carer straightaway if a stranger tries to contact me on the Internet or by email
- I will tell my teacher straightaway if I come across any unsuitable pictures or information on the Internet by accident or if anything makes me feel uncomfortable or upset
- I will only use search engines or websites that have been chosen by a teacher. I will not try to access any inappropriate websites, chat rooms, Instant Messaging or Social Networking sites in school (Facebook/ Twitter etc.)
- I will not use social media to make negative comments about the school, its staff or other pupils
- I will not bring my mobile phone into school except in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the headteacher. The phone will then be stored in the office during the school day with the onus on the child to collect their phone.
- I will not download/upload any files from the Internet in school unless I have permission

Pupil

I understand the rules above and agree to follow them. If I break any of these rules, I understand that:

1. Parents/carers may be contacted
2. I might be banned from using the Internet for a given period of time
3. More serious action might be taken

Pupil Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Carer

I give permission for my child to use the Internet, email and other technologies in school. I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions and agree to appropriate sanctions being imposed if rules are broken. I am aware that some materials on the Internet may be offensive and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Name of Pupil: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

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