

Parent Permission Form - Use of the Internet

Please complete and return this form to Reception

Safety when using the Internet :

We want the children to use the Internet safely. We will give advice and instruction to the children in this respect, but please would you also discuss the following points with your child before signing the form :

- Help your child to understand that they should never give out personal details to online friends they do not know offline
- Explain to your child what information about them is personal, such as e-mail address, mobile number, school name, sports club, arrangements for meeting up with friends, pictures or videos of themselves, their friends or family. Small pieces of information can easily be pieced together to form a comprehensive insight into their lives and daily activities
- Make your child aware that they need to think carefully about the information and pictures they post on their profiles. Inform them that once published online, anyone can change or share these images of them
- It can be easy to forget that the internet is not a private space, and as result sometimes young people engage in risky behaviour online. Advise your children not to post any pictures, videos or information on their profiles, or in chat rooms, that they would not want a parent or carer to see
- If your child receives spam or junk email and texts, remind them never to believe their contents, reply to them or use them
- It's not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain—it could be a virus, or worse - an inappropriate image or film
- Help your child to understand that some people lie online and that therefore it's better to keep online mates online. They should never meet up with any strangers without an adult they trust
- Always keep communication open for a child to know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable

(extract taken from guidance provided by CEOP - Child Exploitation and Online Protection)

Giving Permission :

PARENT

I agree/do not agree* to my child _____ having Internet access.
*(*please delete as appropriate)*

As the parent/carers of the student signing below, I grant permission for my child to use e-mail and the Internet. I understand that students will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, and I accept shared responsibility with the school for setting standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Signed _____ (parent/carers) Date _____ Home Tel No _____

STUDENT

As a school user of the Internet, I agree to comply with the school's rules on its use. I will use the network in a responsible way, observe all the restrictions explained to me by the school **and will report any unsuitable material I may find.**

Signed _____ (student) Tutor Group _____ Date _____