

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**e-Safety: Parent Acceptable Use Policy**

The use of Technology including the Internet, email and today's mobile technologies are a vital element of learning in our school. To make this as successful and as beneficial as possible for all learners, we expect all children to act safely and responsibly when using technology both within, and outside of, school. All children in school sign an e-Safety agreement form each year and have access to a copy of the '6 rules for responsible ICT use'. I have attached a copy so you can discuss this with your child.

Acting safely and responsibly when using technology outside of school is particularly relevant when using Social Network Sites as many sites do have age-restriction policies. For example, the minimum acceptable age to have a Facebook account is 13 years. Any child who sets up or uses such a site and is below the acceptable age is in clear breach of these age-restriction policies and therefore we actively discourage this in our school.

The enclosed ICT Acceptable Use Policy forms part of the wider School e-Safety Policy and alongside the school's Behaviour Policy outlines those principles we expect our pupils to uphold for the benefit of both themselves and the wider school community.

Your support in achieving these aims is essential and I would therefore ask that you please read and discuss the enclosed e-Safety: Parent Acceptable Use Policy with your child and return the completed document as soon as possible. If you would like to find out more about e-Safety for parents and carers, please visit our website.

Signing the School Acceptable Use Policy helps us to maintain responsible use of ICT and safeguards the pupils in school.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of the use of ICT in school, do come and talk to us.

Yours faithfully,

NAME.