

Internet Permission Letter

Dear Parent,

Internet Access For Pupils

As part of the school's ICT programme, we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet. Before the school can allow pupils to use the Internet, they must obtain parental permission. Both they and you must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the rules on this matter.

Various projects have proven the educational benefits of Internet access, which will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. They will also be able to exchange messages with other learners and teachers throughout the world. Although Internet use is supervised in our school, families will wish to be aware that some pupils may find ways to access material that is inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, or potentially offensive to some people. 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. However, as with any other area, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. The school therefore supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

During school, teachers will guide pupils towards appropriate material. At home, families bear the same responsibility for guidance as they exercise with other information sources such as television, telephones, films and radio.

I enclose a copy of the Rules for Responsible Internet Use that we operate at this school. We also have a number of leaflets from national bodies that explain issues further and also cover Internet use at home. If you would like copies of these, please contact the school.

If you decide to support your child's application for access to the Internet, please complete the enclosed form and return it to me by the end of term.

Yours faithfully

T Sharpe
Head of ICT

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Rules for Responsible Internet Use

The school has installed computers with Internet access to help our learning. These rules will keep you safe and help us be fair to others.

- I will only access the system with my own login and password, which I will keep secret.
- I will not access other people's files.
- I will use the computers for school work and homework.
- I will not bring in floppy disks from outside school unless I have been given permission.
- I will ask permission from a member of staff before using the Internet.
- I will only E-mail people I know, or my teacher has approved.
- The messages I send will be polite and responsible.
- I will not give my home address or telephone number, or arrange to meet someone, unless my parent, carer or teacher has given permission.
- I will report any unpleasant material or messages sent to me. I understand this report would be confidential and would help protect other pupils and myself.
- I understand that the school may check my computer files and may monitor the Internet sites I visit.
- I will not sit with my face too near the screen and rest my eyes from the screen regularly.
- I will sit with a good, upright posture.
- I will not eat or drink while I am using a computer.
- I understand that downloading information is not allowed via the school network.
- I understand that I must look after the school ICT equipment and leave the areas/work in neat and tidy.

Internet Permission Form

Please complete and return to the Headteacher.

Pupil:

As a school user of the Internet, I agree to comply with the rules on its use. I will use the school network in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by the school.

Pupil's signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Parent:

As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to use electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Parent's signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Pupil's name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Home Telephone: _____