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E-Safety, Responsible Internet Use

As part of pupils' curriculum enhancement and development of their ICT capability, St. Peter's provides supervised access to the internet and sending of email. Before your child can access the internet and send email, parental permission must be granted. A permission slip is attached to this letter.

The internet is a global network of computers containing thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards that can support your child's learning across the whole curriculum. Children will be able to exchange electronic mail with partner schools and research information from museums, libraries, news providers and suitable web sites as part of their programme of learning. Parents should be advised however, that some material accessible via the internet could be illegal or undesirable.

Although there have been concerns about pupils having access to such materials, school has taken positive steps to deal with this. Our internet access supplier operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials and children will only be able to have access to internet sites vetted by staff via our computer server system. All computer monitors are in public view and access is supervised.

Please find enclosed a copy of the 'School Rules for Responsible Internet Use' and 'Children's E-Safety Agreement', which we would ask you to share with your child. If you agree to your child accessing the internet in school and sending email, please sign and return the consent form below.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Young
Headteacher

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St. Peter's Catholic Primary School - Internet Use Parent Permission Slip

Name of Parent/Guardian:

I do/do not consent to my child using the internet and sending email during their time in school. I have discussed the 'Rules for Responsible Internet Use' and 'Children's E-Safety Agreement' with my child. I understand that some material on the internet may be undesirable and accept full responsibility for setting standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Name of Child Class

Signed Parent/Guardian Date

Name of Pupil:

I have read and understood the School Rules for responsible internet use and agree to comply with them to use the internet in a safe and responsible way.

Signed Pupil..... Date



Expectations of pupils using the Internet:

1. All pupils are expected to read and agree the Internet Agreement
2. Pupils may only access the internet and email when in the presence of a member of staff
3. It is expected that all pupils will be responsible for their own good behaviour on the internet, just as they are anywhere else in school. This includes materials they choose to access, and language they use.
4. The ICT Co-ordinator and Senior Management Team may access any file held on any computer system or media that is connected to the school network
5. The ICT Co-ordinator and Senior Management Team reserves the right to access and monitor all communications. Individuals should therefore be aware that their files are NOT always private.
6. Pupils using the 'World Wide Web' are expected not to deliberately seek out offensive materials. Should any pupils encounter any such material accidentally, they are expected to report it immediately to a teacher, so that the Service Provider can block further access to the site.
7. Pupils are expected not to use any rude language in their email communications and contact only people they know or those the teacher has approved. They have been taught the rules of etiquette in email and are expected to follow them.
8. Pupils must ask permission before accessing the internet and have a clear idea why they are using it. Pupils must not use other peoples' passwords.
9. Pupils should not access other people's files unless permission has been given
10. Computers should only be used for schoolwork and homework unless permission has been granted otherwise
11. No program files may be downloaded to the computer from the internet. This is to prevent corruption of data and avoid viruses.
12. No programs on disc or CD-Rom should be brought in from home for use in school. This is for both legal and security reasons.
13. Children are not permitted to bring memory sticks
14. No personal information such as phone numbers and addresses should be given out and no arrangements to meet someone made unless this is part of an approved school project.
15. Pupils consistently choosing not to comply with these expectations will be warned, and subsequently, may be denied access to internet resources. They will also come under the general discipline procedures of the school which comprises an escalating set of measures including a letter to parents and withdrawal of privileges.
16. Should parents have any concerns or complaints concerning school e-safety they should contact the Headteacher

Children are not permitted to use any social websites in school.

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E-Safety, Responsible Internet Use – Children's E-Safety Agreement

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

- I will only use the computers for school work and homework and will ask permission from a member of staff before using the internet
- I will only use the internet when supervised by an adult
- I will only use website my teacher has chosen
- I will not bring in memory sticks disks or CD-ROMs from outside school unless I have been given permission from my teacher
- I will never give my password to anyone, not even my best friend
- I will never give my school's name unless my teacher has given me permission
- I will never give mine or anyone's photograph, home address or telephone number over the internet
- I will only communicate with people I know, or who my teacher has approved
- I will never open emails sent by anyone I don't know
- I will never use internet chat rooms
- I will not arrange to meet anyone I have communicated with
- The messages I send will always be polite and friendly
- I will always tell my teacher if I see anything which makes me feel uncomfortable or unhappy. I will report any unpleasant material or messages sent to me. I understand this report would be confidential and would help protect my friends and myself.
- I will close any web page I don't like
- I understand that the school may check my computer files and may monitor the internet sites I visit and will take action if I fail to abide by these rules

