



Acceptable Use of the Internet – St Mary's First School, Charminster

Dear Parents

We offer our children supervised access to the internet as part of our curriculum. Before being allowed to use the internet at school the children need your permission, so please sign the form below as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the School Policy. Please talk through the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement with your child and ask them to sign the form.

A copy of our school policy on the use of the internet is available in each of our classrooms for parents. If you are unable to get into school and would like a copy sent to you, then please let us know.

Access to the internet will enable our children to explore thousands of libraries, museums and databases and to exchange messages with other internet users. You should be aware that some material accessible via the internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people.

Whilst our aim for internet use is to further educational goals and objectives and children will only use the internet in the classroom under the supervision of an adult, there is always the possibility that a child may find a way to access material not related to the curriculum, hence the need for an agreed school policy.

We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the internet in the form of information, resources and opportunities for collaboration with other internet users exceed any disadvantages. However, ultimately parents are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

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

We hope that you will agree to your child using the internet in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to me or the class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Garner

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Please return this to the school office

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Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

This is how we stay safe when we use computers:

- I will ask a teacher or suitable adult if I want to use the computers / tablets
- I will only use activities that a teacher or suitable adult has told or allowed me to use
- I will take care of the computer and other equipment
- I will ask for help from a teacher or suitable adult if I am not sure what to do or if I think I have done something wrong
- I will tell a teacher or suitable adult if I see something that upsets me on the screen
- I know that if I break the rules I might not be allowed to use a computer / tablet

Signed (child):

Signed (parent):

Name of Child

I grant permission for my child to use electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some materials on the internet may be objectionable and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Parent/Carer Signature Date

