OTTERHAM C P SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times to enhance teaching and learning.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure that:
- young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communication technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- parents and carers must be aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.
- school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

North Cornwall Learning Trust schools will try to ensure that students will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students to agree to be responsible users. Please read the Student Acceptable Use Policy so that you are aware of the school's expectations of your child while in our care.

Parents/Carers are requested to sign below to show your support of the School in this important aspect of our work.

Parent/Carers Name _____

Student Name _____

As the parent/carer of the above student, I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I know that my son/daughter has signed an Acceptable Use agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

I understand that my son's/daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

Signed _____Date _____

This information will be used during your child's time at school and destroyed when they leave

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