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Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Agreement Form for Home-Use Device

- A. 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 safety.
- B. I will not tell my child their password nor allow them to download any apps.
- C. I will ensure that my chosen site engine has "strict" filtering set. If my internet provider allows it, I will activate Parental Controls.
- D. 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 I must do the same at home.
- E. I understand that at School, my child's activity will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy. For example, staff will check files in order to ensure that there is nothing saved on that device that is inappropriate, including photographs, pictures, age in appropriate applications, etc. Staff will also monitor the internet sites that children visit, or have visited, on their ICT devices.
- F. I understand that I must actively monitor my child's use of their device and internet access too.
- G. I understand that a tablet device / kindle does not substitute a meaningful conversation with an engaged adult.
- H. I understand that unrestricted tablet use can harm a child and cause obsessive behaviours.
- I. I understand that children should not be allowed to use i-pads/computers/kindles for any longer than 45 minutes at a time and no longer than one hour every day.
- J. I understand that children should not be allowed to use their i-pads/computers/kindles after a reasonable hour (depending on the child's age) on school nights. After this time a responsible adult must look after the device until the next day.
- K. I understand that children should not have access to Facebook / Instagram / Twitter and any other social media applications that are not age appropriate. Any applications of this nature will be removed from any kindles / tablet devices taken into school. I understand that allowing children to access age-inappropriate material is regarded as a safeguarding matter and will be reported as such.
- L. I will support the school in reinforcing the School's online rules:



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

This is how we stay safe when we use computers:

1. I can only use the Internet (at school or at home) if my parent's agree.
 2. I must ask permission from a member of staff before using the Internet in school.
 3. At school I can only use the computers at break and at lunch times if a teacher is nearby.
 4. I must keep my logins and passwords secret.
 5. I am responsible for taking care of the computers and ICT equipment.
 6. I must ask for help from a teacher, or other suitable adult, if I am unsure what to do or if I think that I might have done something wrong.
 7. I must not look at other people's files without their permission.
 8. At home I am only allowed to answer a Facetime call or reply to a text / chat message/ e-mail (at home) if my parents/carers agree – and never at school (unless it's part of a lesson).
 9. I will only use the school's computers for schoolwork and homework.
 10. At home I will only send messages that are polite and sensible
 11. I am only allowed to delete my own files.
 12. I know that people at school will never call, text, chat or e-mail me, whether in school or outside of school (unless part of a lesson).
 13. I will never give out personal information – such as my name, address, phone number, e-mail etc. I will not send photographs or videos to people that I do not know or trust – including when texting or chatting with others.
 14. If I see anything that I am unhappy with, or if I receive a message that I do not like, I should ignore it and tell a teacher / responsible adult.
 15. The same rules for "being kind" to each other apply to when calling, texting, chatting or e-mailing with others. If someone is unkind, I must tell an adult straight away.
 16. If I find anything that is not nice or unkind on the Internet, I must sensibly exit the screen / turn the monitor off and tell an adult straight away.
 17. I know that if I break the rules, I might not be allowed to use a computer.
- M. I understand that School will confiscate the Kindle / tablet device if these rules are broken.
- N. I understand that:
- a. This scheme is entirely voluntary and all children will have access to ICT in school whether I choose to buy one via this agreement or not.
 - b. The kindle belongs to the school until which time the outstanding amount is paid in full.
 - c. I will pay the remaining balance for my kindle in 2 instalments by 5th June 2019.
 - d. I am aware that not doing so may result in court proceedings and recovery action.