Cheddar First School

One of the Cheddar Valley Group of Schools

Pupil/Parent Acceptable Use Policy

The Internet will be used within school to support children's learning both formally (within taught lessons) and informally (outside taught lessons), at the discretion of a member of staff who will set guidelines and rules for its use. Pupils will be taught to be critical and discriminating in their use of Internet sites and to maintain a balance between the use of technology and other activities.

Pupils may have opportunities to communicate with others through blogs, publishing work to online galleries and email. This will only take place in accordance with the school's policy and procedure. Responsible and considerate language will be used at all times in communicating with others.

Pupils will:
- only use the school ICT systems for those activities which they have been given permission to use and under the appropriate supervision of a member of staff.
- use the Internet within the school to support learning.
- be made aware of what cyber-bullying is and what to do if it happens.
- only use the user names and passwords they have been given.
- not download and use material or copy and paste content which is copyright or not covered by the school copyright licenses.
- not attempt to search for, view, upload or download any material that is likely to be unsuitable in a school or is blocked by the schools filter.
- inform a member of staff if they have accidentally accessed inappropriate content.
- use responsible and considerate language in communicating with others.
- be encouraged to maintain a balance between the use of ICT and other activities.
- be encouraged to discuss their use of the Internet and those sites that are age specific especially Social Network sites.
- only use mobile phones when directed by staff.
- be encouraged to talk with their parents or carers about the rules for the safe use of the Internet.
- be made aware that the school may investigate incidents that happen outside of school but could have an effect on the school.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in one or more of the following:
- A ban, temporary or permanent, on the use of the Internet at school.
- A letter informing parents of the nature and breach of rules.
- Appropriate sanctions and restrictions placed on future access to school facilities.

Parents should:
- discuss e-safety issues with their children
- maintain responsible standards when using social media to discuss school issues
- inform the school if they think there is an e-safety issue related to the school

If you do not understand any part of this document, you should ask a member of staff for guidance. You should only sign the Parental Permission Form when you have read, understood and have explained the importance of these rules to your son or daughter.

The form below must be completed, signed and returned to the school for our records.

✂ _____ ___ _____ _____

I have read, understood and explained the Acceptable Use Policy to my child/children and I am happy for my child/children to experience the Internet use described:

Pupil Name/s (PLEASE PRINT) _____ Class/es _____

Name of Parent or Carer (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Signature of Parent or Carer _____ Date _____

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