Rules for Responsible Internet Use

As part of the school's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) programme, the school offers pupils supervised access to the Internet. Before the school allows students to use these facilities, they must obtain parental permission. Both pupils and parents must sign and return an Internet Use Permission Form as evidence of their acceptance of the school's Rules for Responsible Internet Use. All new parents will be provided with these forms on starting school. .

Various projects have proven the educational benefits of Internet and e-mail access, which enable pupils to explore a wide range of information sources, and communicate and collaborate with other learners throughout the world. Although there are concerns about children having access to inappropriate material via the Internet, the school takes a range of measures to minimise these risks. The schools internet access is protected by surf control software which is designed to filter out inappropriate sites and this is supplemented by Internet Safety Rules for all pupils which teach the safe and appropriate behaviour to adopt when using the Internet.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials no system is 100% fool proof. The School cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. The School will not be liable for any damages arising from childrens' use of the Internet facilities.

The Internet can be accessed from the ICT suite and also from all classrooms. Pupils will be under supervision during any period of use and will be guided by teachers to use the Internet appropriately.

The computer system is owned by the school. This Responsible Internet Use statement helps to protect students, staff and the school by clearly stating what use of the computer resources is acceptable and what is not.

The school's Internet policy has been drawn up to protect all parties – the pupils, the staff and the school.

- The school reserves the right to examine or delete files that may be held on its computer system or to monitor any web sites visited.

- Irresponsible use may result in the loss of Internet access.

- Copyright and intellectual property rights must be respected.

- All Internet use should be appropriate to pupils' education

- Sites and materials accessed must be appropriate to work in school. Users will recognise materials that are inappropriate and should expect to have their access removed.

- The use of personal e-mail for pupils is forbidden and any ICT work involving e-mail use will be strictly controlled.

- Anonymous messages and chain letters are not permitted

- The use of chat rooms is not allowed

- Use for personal, financial gain, political purposes or advertising is not permitted

- ICT system security must be respected; it is a criminal offence to use a computer for a purpose not permitted by the system owner.

Child's Name:

Parent's Signature:　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　*Date:*