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Dear Parents

E-Safety Agreement

As you are all aware ICT is taught using laptops, iPads, and our ICT suite throughout all curriculum areas. These improved technologies and access to the Internet allow us to enhance the teaching and learning of all subject areas.

I am sure that you have read in the newspapers or seen on the television that the Internet can potentially give children access to material of an unsuitable nature and could also lead to children receiving unsuitable communications through electronic mail or through social media. It is the school's policy to make every reasonable effort to protect pupils from such material but also to make them aware of the potential dangers at an appropriate level for their age.

Our approach to the issue is as follows:

- The school gain Internet access through Lincolnshire County Council's own point of presence service and they provide firewall filtering to stop access to unsuitable or offensive material. Ark ICT Solutions Ltd (our ICT Service Providers) can then apply rules to this default filtering, allowing and disallowing access to certain sites at the school's request. Whilst the tools used for this are effective, due to the continual developments of technology and the changing content of the internet, you need be aware there may occasionally be materials that pass through the filters.
- We will discuss with our pupils the issues involved as a normal part of their curriculum. We feel this is important in the development of a child's social and moral skills.
- We will raise any concerns we have about a child's wellbeing when using the internet. We will report abuse of the use of technologies and websites where a user needs to be of a certain age to access due to the content and level of appropriateness as we see this as a safeguarding issue and will therefore pursue the standard protocol for such events, both inside and outside of school.
- We ask all pupils to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement which gives a clear set of rules to be followed in school in order to avoid problems arising. A copy of this Agreement is included and we ask that you discuss it with your child and ensure that they understand the terms used.
- We will enforce the Acceptable Use Agreement with appropriate sanctions.
- We will promote a positive use of ICT and other such technologies to help ensure that children know what to do if they encounter something inappropriate on the internet.

Please read this and complete the Acceptable Use Agreement then please return it signed appropriately to your child's teacher. If you wish to discuss the matter further please contact the ICT Coordinators or Headteacher.

Yours sincerely,

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ICT Coordinators





E-Safety Rules for Key Stage 1



- We only use the internet when an adult is with us
- We can click on the buttons or links when we know what they do.
- We can search the Internet with an adult.
- We always ask if we get lost on the Internet.
- We can send and open emails together.
- We can write polite and friendly emails to people that we know



E-Safety Rules for Key Stage 2



- We ask permission before using the Internet.
- We only use apps websites that an adult has chosen.
- We tell an adult if we see anything we are uncomfortable with.
- We immediately close any webpage we not sure about.
- We only e-mail people an adult has approved.
- We send e-mails and attachments that are polite and friendly.
- We never give out personal information or passwords.
- We never arrange to meet anyone we don't know.
- We do not share passwords with other people
- We do not open e-mails sent by anyone we don't know.
- We do not use Internet chat rooms
- We only use technologies appropriate for our age



Monkhouse Primary School Acceptable Use Agreement

All pupils use computer facilities including Internet access as an essential part of learning, as required by the National Curriculum. Both pupils and their parents/carers are asked to sign to show that the e-Safety Rules have been understood and agreed.

Pupil:

Class:

Pupil's Agreement

- I have read and I understand the school e-Safety Rules.
- I will use the computer, network, mobile phones, Internet access and other new technologies in a responsible way at all times.
- I know that network and Internet access may be monitored.

Signed

Date:

Parent's Agreement

I have read and understood the school e-safety rules and give permission for my son /daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that pupils cannot access inappropriate materials but I appreciate that this is a difficult task. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the content of materials accessed through the Internet. I agree that the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the Internet facilities.

Signed

Date

Print Name

