

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Computer Use For Pupils

As part of the school's ICT programme, we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet and computers. Before the school allows students to use the computer system, they must understand the rules of acceptable use and obtain parental permission. Both they and you must sign and return the attached form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the rules on this matter.

Various projects have proven the educational benefits of Internet access, which will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. They will also be able to exchange messages with other learners and teachers throughout the world. Although Internet use is supervised and filtered in our school, families will wish to be aware that some pupils may find ways to access material that is inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, or potentially offensive to some people. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. However, as with any other area, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. The school therefore supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

During school, teachers will guide students towards appropriate material. At home, families bear the same responsibility for guidance as they exercise with other information sources such as television, telephones, films and radio.

I enclose a copy of the *ICT Acceptable Use Policy* that we operate at this school

If you decide to support your child's application for Acceptable Computer Use, please complete the form on the reverse and return the letter to me by September 12.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

**Enclosures: ICT Acceptable Use Policy
 Internet Permission Form**