

  
**THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL**  
**Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement**

**Name of Child**

**Class**

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Digital technologies have become important to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

**This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:**

- that children will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

We will try to ensure that children will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the children to agree to be responsible users.

Parents are requested to sign the permission in the form below at different points to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

In order to support those parents who may be less familiar with use of the internet we have listed a variety of additional measures that you could take at home to support your child's safe use of the internet in the 'online safety' part of our school website. You can also find our online safety questionnaire and policy on there. Alternatively, speak to your child's class teacher or our online safety lead about any support that you would like or suggestions that you might have.

**INTERNET USE**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The school's ICT system & virus protection are updated and reviewed regularly. Pupil's computers are on a different network to the school's administration system. A high level filtering system is in operation on the school's network which only allows access to websites suitable for primary aged children.

**RULES FOR RESPONSIBLE INTERNET USE**

- ★ When children are accessing the internet they will be supervised by an adult.
- ★ Pupils will be issued with individual email accounts but will not have access to them – this is only needed to login to school laptops
- ★ They may have opportunity to use a group/class email address under direct supervision.
- ★ Pupils will only visit websites that an adult has given them permission to do so.
- ★ Pupils will be advised that if they see anything that they are unhappy with, they will tell an adult immediately.

1. I have read and understood the school rules for responsible internet use and give permission for my child to access the internet.
2. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure pupils cannot access inappropriate materials.
3. I agree that the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies.
4. I agree that the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the Internet facilities where all reasonable precautions have been taken.
5. I will discuss the school's **acceptable use policy for children** with my child and I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home. I will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.
6. I agree to follow the **guidelines for use of social media** as outlined below and understand that there will be appropriate action taken by the school should any inappropriate behaviour which impacts upon the school or any member of the school community be drawn to their attention.