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## Responsible Internet Use Agreement

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our Computing curriculum, we are pleased to offer our pupils' access to the Internet.

*Before they are allowed to use the Internet in school we would like your child to read through the Responsible Internet Use Agreement with you and for you both to sign and return the attached form to the school office.*

Internet use is a part of the statutory curriculum and a necessary tool for staff and pupils. The school has a duty to provide our pupils with quality Internet access as part of their learning experience. Pupils use the Internet widely outside school and will need to learn how to evaluate Internet information and to take care of their own safety and security.

The school will work with the LEA, DfES and the Internet Service Provider to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved. To guard against access to inappropriate material we use a filtering system provided by Hampshire County Council. In addition, teachers have a duty to research and monitor areas they are intending to cover prior to use with pupils.

However unlikely, it is not impossible that children may access inappropriate material. We believe that the benefits to children from using the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far outweigh the disadvantages.

If you would like to read a full copy of our E-Safety policy please visit the school website; alternatively request a hard copy for the school office.

Kind regards

Lynn Laver  
Headteacher

## Responsible Internet Use Agreement

*At Sparsholt School we expect all children to be responsible for their own behaviour on the Internet, just as they are anywhere in the school. This includes the materials they choose to access and the language they use.*

**We use the computers and the Internet to help our learning. These rule will help us to be fair to others and keep everyone safe.**

- I will always ask permission before using the computers.
- I will only open, work on or delete my own files, not other pupils.
- I will not download anything without permission.
- I will not bring in USB flash drives to school.
- I will always ask a teacher before printing anything out.
- I will not change any of the computer settings.
- I will always ask permission before entering any Website unless my teacher has already approved the site
- If I accidentally find a website that I do not like or is not suitable for me, I will tell a teacher immediately.
- I will not use social media sites in school (the minimum age for using these sites is 13 years).
- I will only communicate electronically with people I know or my teacher has approved
- The messages I send will be polite and sensible.
- When sending an electronic communication to an outside agency or business I will ask my teacher to read it before I send it
- When using electronic communication I will not give my, or anyone else's home address, phone number, other personal details or arrange to meet someone.
- I will ask permission before opening an attachment
- If I receive a message I do not like I will tell my teacher immediately.
- I know that the school may check my computer files, read my electronic communications and monitor the Internet sites I visit.
- I understand that if I deliberately break these rules, I could be stopped from using the Internet or computers at school

## Pupil's Agreement

*I have read and understood the school rules for Responsible Internet Use. I will use the computer system and Internet in a responsible way and obey these rules at all times*

Pupil's Name: ..... Class: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

## Parent's Consent for Internet Access:

*I have read and understood the school rules for Responsible Internet Use and give permission for my son/daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure pupils cannot access inappropriate materials. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of material accessed through the Internet.*

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please print name: .....