ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY – PUPILS

RULES FOR GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

Note: All Internet and email activity in school or using school equipment may be monitored.

I promise – to only use the school IT equipment for schoolwork that the teacher has asked me to do.

I promise – not to look for or show other people things that may be upsetting.

I promise – to show respect for the work that other people have done.

I will not – use other people’s work or pictures without permission to do so.

I will not – damage the IT equipment. If I accidentally damage something I will tell my teacher.

I will not – share my password with anybody. If I forget my password I will let my teacher know.

I will not – use other people’s usernames or passwords.

I will not – share personal information online with anyone.

I will not – download anything from the Internet unless my teacher has asked me to.

I will – let my teacher know if anybody asks me for personal information.

I will – let my teacher know if anybody says or does anything to me that is hurtful or upsets me.

I will – be respectful to everybody online. I will treat everybody the way that I want to be treated.

I understand – that some people on the Internet are not who they say they are and that some people can be nasty. I will tell my teacher if I am ever concerned in school, or my parents if I am at home.

I understand – if I break these rules there will be consequences of my actions and my parents will be told.

Signed (Parent): __________________________

Signed (Pupil): __________________________

Date: __________________________
INTERNET FILTERING AND MONITORING

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Use of the Internet in school is a vital part of the education of your child. Our school makes extensive use of the Internet in order to enhance their learning and provide facilities for research, collaboration and communication.

You will be aware that the Internet is host to a great many illegal and inappropriate websites, and as such we will ensure as far as possible that your child is unable to access sites such as this. We are able to do this using advanced software known as an Internet filter. At our school we currently use the Meraki filtering solution. This filter categorises websites in accordance with their content; the school allows or denies these categories dependent upon the user of specific equipment.

The software also allows us to monitor Internet use; the Internet filter keeps logs of which user has accessed what Internet sites, and when. Security and safeguarding of your child are of the utmost importance in our school. In order to ensure that there have been no attempts of inappropriate Internet activity we may occasionally monitor these logs. If we believe there has been questionable activity involving your child we will inform you of the circumstances.

Throughout the school year we explain the importance of Internet filtering to your child. Furthermore we explain that there has to be a balance of privacy and safety; we also inform them that we can monitor their activity. All children are given the opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.