It is envisaged that children will be accessing educational sites on the Internet chosen by their teacher. Students will only access the Internet while supervised by a teacher. Some classes will also be using e-mail to communicate with classes at other schools. The e-mail address will be a class address. Teachers remind students of our rules for using the Internet and in an effort to make them more responsible, we request that parents also ensure their children are aware of appropriate Internet and computer usage.

STUDENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE REQUIREMENTS.

There is an understanding that the Internet can connect us to much useful information stored on computers around the world.

While having access to the Internet students will:

- use it only for educational purposes
- use it only under teacher supervision
- understand that the computer network may be set up differently to home computers and understand that they should listen carefully to the instructions given by the teacher
- if accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, turn off the monitor and immediately and quietly, inform the teacher. (This enables the site to be blocked)
- respect the equipment provided for student use by not vandalising, disrupting or harming the equipment
- scan any disks for viruses on networked machines before using the disks on any school computers
- respect copyright by not claiming the work of others as their own and acknowledge the information source

While having access to the Internet students will not:

- change any settings on the school computers, although the computer network may be set up differently to home computer
- look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive
- download or print material without a teacher’s approval
- reveal their home address or phone number or anyone else’s
- reveal their personal or class access information to anyone else
- send a photo of themselves or of anyone else via the Internet unless directed by a teacher as part of an e-mail exchange with another school
- use the Internet to annoy or offend anyone else
- bring games or other programs into the school for use on school computers

Students must understand that if the school decides they have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. This may include loss of Internet access for some time and parents being informed.

Parent/Caregiver Permission

This Internet Agreement shall remain valid until the completion of Year 7 by the above named student / students.

I understand that the Internet can provide students with valuable learning experiences. I also understand that the Internet gives access to information on computers around the world; that the school cannot control what is on these computers; and that a very small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive. I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend finally upon responsible use by students.

I give permission for (Child / children’s names): ________________________________________________________________

☐ To use the computers under the conditions listed
☐ To access services such as electronic mail and the Internet
☐ For my child’s picture or class work to be displayed on the School Intranet. (Intranet may only be accessed from our school network)

I have / will discuss these responsibilities with my child / children and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access the Internet / Network under school rules. I understand that students breaking these rules will be subject to appropriate action by the school. This may include loss of Internet access for some time.

Parent/Caregiver’s Name: ________________________________ Date: ____/____/_______

Parent/Caregiver’s Signature: ___________________________