The Rural Enterprise Academy

Parent/Carer Acceptable Use of IT Policy Agreement

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people on today's society, both within the Academy and in their lives outside Academy. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies 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 young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that Academy ICT 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 e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.

The Academy will try to ensure that *pupils* will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the *pupils* to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents/carers will be aware of the Academy expectations of the young people in their care. Parents/carers are requested to sign the permission form below to show their support of the Academy in this important aspect of the Academy's work.

Permission Form

I can confirm I have read and understood the Pupil Acceptable Use Policy and am aware of the expectations placed on my child in relation to safe use of the internet and ICT systems.

As the parent/carer of the above *pupil* I give permission for my son/daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at the Academy. I know that my son/daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of the Academy. I understand that the Academy will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the Academy cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies. I understand that my son's/daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the Academy will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy. I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the Academy if I have concerns over my child's e-safety. I understand that my child must not access any material that glorifies violence, promotes radicalisation, terrorism or racism, is pornographic, uses obscene language or demonstrates intolerance for religious beliefs, or is in any way a breach of the law.

I am also aware that the use of all mobile devises including mobile phones is prohibited in the Academy unless it is being used with the express permission of and under the guidance of a member of staff and that permission would need to be sought on each occasion.

In all cases the Academy will determine what is considered inappropriate use.

Parent/Carers Name ……………………………………………………………………….

Pupil Name ....…………………………………………………………………………… **Date** ………………………..

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