

Dear Parents & Carers

Responsible Internet Use

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of computing skills, Queensmead Primary Academy provides supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the effective and safe use of the World Wide Web and e-mail is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world.

As part of our ICT provision, we have a set of Internet safety rules which we wish to share with our parents and carers. We want to ensure that all our pupils and parents are aware of these rules therefore we ask for parental consent for pupils to use the internet in school.

With this letter are the 'Rules for Responsible Internet Use', which we would like you to read with your child. Please sign and return the consent form so that your child may use the Internet at the academy. Without your signature your child may not be allowed to use the internet.

We know that some parents are worried about the possibility of their children accessing inappropriate material on the internet. Whilst it is true that there is material on the Internet that is inappropriate, the school has a number of strategies in place which will reduce the risk of children accessing such material:

- The academy uses an educational Internet Service Provider which filters material on the Internet.
- Pupils are educated on how to use the Internet properly, including rules on E-Safety and information on cyber bullying.
- Pupils are only allowed access to the Internet when there is adult supervision.
- Pupils must agree to follow a set of academy rules
- An Internet permission form must now be signed by a parent or guardian prior to being allowed to use the Internet.

In order for your child to use the Internet in our academy, please sign and return the attached form.

We are happy to provide a copy of our Internet Safety Policy. Please ask at reception if you would like one.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Latham
Principal

