

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Responsible Use of the Internet**

As part of our academy's development of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) skills, we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet. Pupils will eventually be able to exchange electronic mail with partner schools and research information from museums, libraries, news providers and suitable Web sites as part of their programme of learning.

Before being allowed to use the Internet, all pupils must obtain parental permission. I enclose a copy of the Rules for Responsible Internet Use that we operate. The academy would ask that you and your child read the enclosed guidance documents and then complete the permission form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the academy rules on this matter.

Although there have been concerns about pupils having access to undesirable materials, we are taking positive steps to deal with that possibility. The academy operates a filtering system that blocks access to known inappropriate materials. All our screens are in public view and, as stated above, access will be supervised. However the nature of the Internet makes it impossible to ensure that all inappropriate material is blocked.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Academy