

Firs Farm Primary School
Home School Agreement Internet

Home-School Agreement Concerning Use of the Internet

At Firs Farm the use of the internet has been integrated into our ICT curriculum and general teaching programme for some time. All parents/ carers should be aware that as well as being a helpful resource for children, the internet can give access to inappropriate material. The safety of our pupils, in every aspect of their lives, is paramount. When instructing the children to use the internet, and demonstrating its use at school, our staff ensure that awareness of staying safe is taught.

Children need to learn how to become safe internet users by becoming critical of online materials and being selective. To achieve this, home and school must work together throughout a child's education.

Outlined below are some of the measures that Firs Farm has taken to minimise the risks associated with the use of the internet at school:

- **filtering and security software has been installed;**
- **safety precautions for internet use are taught;**
- **pupils are supervised when accessing the internet;**
- **websites referred to and used during lessons are viewed prior to use by the teacher;**
- **pupils are not allowed to use chat rooms;**
- **the use of e-mail is restricted to the prescribed inclusion within the ICT curriculum; e-mailing at school outside these specific lessons is not allowed;**
- **the use of chat-rooms is prohibited in school.**

Below are some actions which could be undertaken by parents/ carers to avoid difficulties associated with home internet use:

- **keep the computer screen visible to anyone passing, or only allow access when you can supervise it;**
- **discuss with your children what the internet will be used for, when and how long;**
- **if possible, set up protection software on the computer, including a log of where the user has been. View this on a regular basis and ensure children do not have access to the password to give themselves more rights;**
- **be aware that some sites which may appear innocent may be sponsored by less acceptable sites;**
- **discuss online etiquette with your children and monitor their use of e-mail and chat-rooms, like MSN;**
- **view guidelines for parents/ carers on the following web address: www.thinkuknow.co.uk and discuss the issues involved when using the internet.**

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Please complete and return this slip as confirmation of your having read and agreed with these notes.

Child's name Class

Signed Date