

Dear Parent,

The Internet is becoming increasingly important to the way we gather information, communicate with people across the world, work and live.

We believe that the Internet has a contribution to make to child's education. In order for your child to make use of the school's Internet facilities we need you to give your permission by signing the enclosed "Internet Permission Form".

We would like to take this opportunity to briefly explain some of the steps we have taken to protect our young people from the inappropriate material that does exist on the Internet.

The School connects to the Internet through an Internet Service Provider (ISP) that provides a level of protection from inappropriate material by blocking sites that are known to contain materials that would be offensive to the majority of people.

In addition to this the school has its own filtering software in place that is tailored to the specific needs of our school. This software is regularly updated.

During lessons, teachers will direct pupils to appropriate Internet material that has been visited beforehand.

Internet activities are closely supervised and pupils are not allowed access to computers linked to the Internet unless in the presence of a member of staff.

Pupils are taught acceptable behaviour on the Internet and are asked to agree and conform to our Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). This will be differentiated to your child's level of understanding and presented to them as the school rules for computers.

The school, with the support of the Governing body, has made every effort to protect our young people from inappropriate material. We believe that the education advantages of using the Internet are enormous and various projects have shown the educational benefits of Internet access. If you decide to allow your child to have access to the Internet at school, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Gianna Colizza - Head Teacher

Our Internet Permission Form and Acceptable Use of ICT Policy can also be found on our website or emailed to you.