



Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement

PARENT/CARER NAME

(please print)

STUDENT NAME

(please print)

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning.

This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure that:

1. young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies.
2. school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
3. parents/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 school will try to ensure that students will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the students to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Student Acceptable Use Agreement can be found on the school website, so that parents / carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

Parents/carers are requested to sign the permissions form below to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

	AGREE (please sign)	DISAGREE (please sign)
ACCEPTABLE USE PERMISSION I confirm I have read the information and explanation overleaf and give permission for my son to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.		
DIGITAL / VIDEO IMAGES PERMISSION FORM I confirm I have read the information and explanation overleaf and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I agree to the school taking and using digital / video images of my son. I understand that the images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably celebrates success and promotes the work of the school. 		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. I agree that if I take digital or video images at, or of, school events which include images of son, other than my own, I will abide by these guidelines in my use of these images. 		
BIOMETRIC PERMISSION FORM I confirm I have read the information and explanation overleaf and I agree to the school using biometric recognition systems. I understand that the images cannot be used to create a whole fingerprint print for my son and that these images will not be shared with anyone outside the school.		

Dated:



ACCEPTABLE USE PERMISSION

I am aware that my son has been asked to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help him understand the importance and safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school 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 school 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 activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my son to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my son's e-safety.

USE OF DIGITAL / VIDEO IMAGES PERMISSION

The use of digital / video images plays an important part in learning activities. Students and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons, school projects or displayed for educational use.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media for promotional purposes.

The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents/carers permission before taking images of members of the school when used for **promotional purposes**. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people cannot be identified by the use of their names.

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents/carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use. To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published / made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents/carers comment on any activities involving other students in the digital / video images.

Parents/carers are requested to sign the permission form overleaf to allow the school to take and use images of their son for **promotional purposes** and for the parents/carers to agree.

USE OF BIOMETRIC SYSTEMS PERMISSION

The school uses biometric systems for the recognition of individual students in the school canteen.

Biometric technologies have certain advantages over other automatic identification systems as students do not need to remember to bring anything with them so nothing can be lost, such as a swipe card.

No complete images of **fingerprints** are stored and the original image cannot be reconstructed from the data. That is, it is not possible for example, to recreate a student's fingerprint or even the image of a fingerprint from what is in effect a string of numbers.

Parents/carers are asked for permission for these biometric technologies to be used by their son.