E-Safety Rules

It is appropriate for students to use ICT for study, work and leisure but with freedom comes responsibility. Rutlish School cannot control what people, all over the world, make available on the internet: some material is not acceptable in school, whilst other material must be treated with great sensitivity and care. Exactly the same standards apply to electronic material, as to material in any other form. If material is considered to be unacceptable by the school when presented in a book, magazine, video, audio or spoken form, then it is not acceptable on the ICT network.

We expect all ICT users to take responsibility in the following ways:

Not to access or even try to access any material which is:

- Violent or that glorifies violence
- Criminal, terrorist or glorified criminal activity (including drug abuse)
- Racist or designed to incite racial hatred
- Of extreme political opinion
- Pornographic or with otherwise unsuitable sexual content
- Crude, profane or with otherwise unsuitable language
- Blasphemous or mocking of religious and moral beliefs and values
- In breach of the law, including copyright law, data protection, and computer misuse

Or that:

- Belongs to other users of ICT systems for which you do not have explicit permission to use

Not to:

- Search for, or use websites that bypass the school's internet filtering system
- Download or even try to download any software without the explicit permission of a member of the ICT systems support department
- Attempt to install unauthorised and unlicensed software
- Use other people's user ID or password, even with their permission
- Interfere with or cause malicious damage to the ICT facilities

You need to be extremely cautious about revealing personal details, never reveal a home address or mobile telephone number to strangers and report any breach (deliberate or accidental) of this policy to a teacher immediately.

In order to protect responsible users, electronic methods will be used to help prevent access to unsuitable materials. Rutlish School reserves the right to access all material stored on its ICT system, including that held in personal areas of student accounts for purposes of ensuring DfE, Local Authority and school policies regarding appropriate use, data protection, computer misuse, child protection, and health and safety concerns.

Anyone who is found not to be acting responsibly in this way will be disciplined. Irresponsible users will be denied access to ICT facilities. Rutlish School will act strongly against anyone whose use of ICT risks bringing the school into disrepute or risk the proper work of other users. Persistent offenders will be denied access to ICT facilities on a permanent basis.