

Dear Parent/Guardian

INTERNET PERMISSION FORM

As part of the school's ICT programme we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet. Before being allowed to use the Internet, all pupils must obtain parental permission and we would ask you to sign the attached form as evidence of your approval. Your son/daughter will also be required to sign the form agreeing to follow the school rules on this matter. Both signatures must be obtained before we can permit full access to the Internet.

Access to the Internet enables pupils to explore thousands of libraries and information sources across the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils may try to find ways to access other materials as well and it is possible that the determined might succeed. We have a number of filters and controls which have been successful so far, and we are able to log all internet activity. Our Internet Service Provider provides a carefully monitored and filtered service. We also have our own additional filters that enable us to immediately block offensive material if it should slip through.

We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access. The school also reserves the right to withdraw this privilege at any time.

We would be grateful if you would read the Network rules and then complete the permission form that accompanies this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Hepburn', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr P Hepburn
Headteacher

Internet Permission Form

Please complete and return the whole form to the I.T. support staff.

Student's Name _____ Form _____

Parent's section

As the parent or legal guardian of the student named above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to use electronic mail and the Internet. I have read and understood the Network Rules accompanying this form.

I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

If required, I also give permission for my son/daughter's work to be published on a web site approved and controlled by the School. I understand that named images of pupils' will never be published.

Parent Signature _____ Date ___/___/___

Survey information

Please would you share this information with us so that we can try to improve the ICT service we provide and offer more support to you and your child in using the computer for schoolwork. This information will be used to provide us with statistics and it will not be stored in such a way that you could be personally identified.

	Yes	No
Do you own a computer which is regularly used?		
Is it less than 3 years old?		
Does your son/daughter have access to a computer to do homework?		
Do you have an Internet connection?		
Do you use e-mail regularly?		
Would you like the school to help you by providing classes, access to equipment or workshops to try to improve your skill level?		

Student's section

As a user of the School Network, I agree to comply with the school rules on its use. I will use the Network and the Internet in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by the school and printed on the Network rules accompanying this form.

Student signature _____ Date ___/___/___