



The Castle School
A SPECIALIST COLLEGE FOR COMMUNICATION & INTERACTION

Internet Parental Consent Form

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Pupils at The Castle School will be able to access the Internet for educational purposes whilst at The Castle School. The Internet is a valuable teaching and learning tool and we encourage pupils to use it safely.

We take Internet security and safety seriously so access to the World Wide Web is via a West Berkshire web filter which bans inappropriate content. However, there is always a risk that inappropriate material may be accessed by pupils, often inadvertently, so we ensure that all access to the Internet is supervised by staff.

On occasions we may wish to set up video conferencing and other communication technologies with other schools or educational sites. These will always be rigorously risk assessed and pupils supervised.

Within school pupils will learn to use email and other messaging technologies. These will however be part of the West Berks suite of Internet technologies and as such will be monitored by staff.

Pupils use of the internet will be governed by the following conditions:

- Social networking sites e.g. facebook will not be accessed by pupils from school.
- Personal email and email addresses will not be allowed.
- Pupils must not access the internet without supervision.
- All internet usage is to be for educational purposes.

Rights Respecting School

This policy adheres to the principles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) specifically articles: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 31, 34, 36, 41 & 42.

For your child to access the internet within school we need your permission. We would therefore appreciate it if you would complete the slip below and return this letter to school.

I give permission for my son/daughter to access the internet whilst at The Castle School.

YES/NO

Parent/Carer's Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Last review: 8 May 2014

Next review date: May 2017

Internet Permission Slip