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Computing in School

As part of the school's computing programme we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet, which provides a rich source of educational material. Access is via Netsweeper provided by BT Lancashire Services, which also provides our filtering service, restricting access to unsuitable sites.

In the Foundation Stage, and throughout Key Stage One, such access is always under the immediate supervision of staff. Access to the Internet will enable pupils to explore an increasing wealth of educational resources. Many of the school favourite IT resources are accessible from home. Parents should follow the links from the website or the letter which is sent home each September with all the relevant passwords and usernames the children will need. The class teacher also has a copy of these, should you require a reminder. This password document was a crucial piece of kit.

Within school, children will always be working at the direction of their teachers, but they may acquire the skills to access unsuitable sites at home? 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. During school, teachers will guide pupils toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media. If you require any further information about the use of the Internet, please contact school.

The school may also wish to publish examples of the children's work, and photographs of school events. Work will only be identified by the child's first name and year group. No children appearing in photographs on the Internet will be identified by name.

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. We would be grateful if you could read the enclosed documents and then complete the permission forms that follow.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Purcell

School rules for Responsible Internet Use, which children follow, under the guidance of staff at Key Stage One, and accept their own responsibility for at Key Stage Two.

- Computers should only be used for directed school activities.
- You should only open and use your own files.
- CD-ROMS and pen drives from outside school should not be used.
- Always ask permission from your teacher before using the Internet or sending e-mail.
- Only send e-mail to people your teacher has approved.
- All messages should be polite and responsible and will be checked by your teacher.
- You must not give out your address or telephone number, or arrange to meet someone over the Internet, unless your parent, carer or teacher has given permission.
- Any unpleasant material or messages sent over the Internet should be reported to your teacher immediately.



"Be determined and confident as God will be with you", inspiring you to "learn, care and share through work, play and prayer". Deuteronomy 31:6



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- Members of staff will check all files and sites visited.