



Dear Parents/Carers

ICT ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE INTERNET/NETWORK

As part of the school's IT programme we offer students supervised access to the Internet. Before being allowed to use the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and both they and you must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the school rules on this matter.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with other internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may 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, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students 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.

During school, teachers will guide students towards 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.

We would be grateful if you could read the Guidance Policy on the school website and sign the appropriate section on the signature page provided. **If we do not receive a reply then the school will presume you grant permission.**

PRIVACY NOTICE

Our Privacy notice is to help parents understand how and why Mark Rutherford School collects your child's personal information and what we do with that information. It also explains the decisions that you can make about your child's information. We are telling you about this notice because you are able to exercise your child's data protection rights on their behalf. When your child is older they will be considered mature enough to exercise their own data protection rights. For access to this notice go to:

<http://www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/downloads/Mark.Rutherford.School.Privacy.Notice.for.Parents.and.Carers.pdf>

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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