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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Internet Permission Form

As part of the school's IT programme, we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet. Before being allowed to use the Internet, all pupils must obtain parental permission and both they, and you, must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and the student's acceptance of the school rules on this matter. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some.

All activity on the computer system is logged, particularly the students' use of the Internet; these activity logs are closely monitored and frequently reviewed. The Internet activity logs store a variety of information, including: the user identity of the student, the date and time of access, the computer used by the student and the Internet address of every page and image that was accessed. In addition, e-mails are routinely scanned for offensive language by the computer system and any that "fail" this preliminary scan, are redirected to the Network Manager for further scrutiny. Access to websites providing external e-mail providers is blocked, allowing the school to ensure and enforce the appropriate use of e-mail via the school's computers.

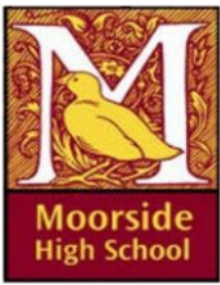
Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Whilst the school will endeavour to "police" the use of the Internet in school, 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 to apply for access.

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. Parents are advised to visit the following website www.thinkyounow.co.uk which explores some of the specific dangers that children could face and provides practical advice and guidance that should made the online experience safer for all.

Please note that if a student takes (or downloads) images which are then used to harass or intimidated others online, **this could become a police matter.**

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We would be grateful if you would read the school's internet acceptable usage policy and, if you wish to allow your child to access the Internet, then complete the permission form that appears at the bottom of this page.

Students are given a **six-week grace period** from the start of every academic year in order to complete and return the internet permission form below. Any student who does not have a permission form on file with the Network Manager by the end of the grace period will have access to the internet and email disabled – this can be re-activated at any time **upon the completion and return of this permission form.**

Yours sincerely

Mr D Robinson
Headteacher

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Please complete and return this consent form to your child's **form tutor**.

Pupil:

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

Pupil Signature _____ **Date** ___/___/_____

Parent:

As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil signing above, I grant permission for my child to use the Internet and other online services. 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.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** ___/___/_____

Name of Pupil _____ **Form** _____

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