Acceptable use agreement KS3 and 4

I understand that I must use school systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the systems and other users.

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of systems, devices and digital communications
- I will keep my username and password safe and secure – I will not share it, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password. I understand that I should not write down or store a password where it is possible that someone may steal it
- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating online
- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when online (this could include names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, age, gender, educational details, financial details, etc.)
- If I arrange to meet people off-line that I have communicated with online, I will do so in a public place and take an adult with me
- I will immediately report any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages or anything that makes me feel uncomfortable when I see it online.

I understand that everyone has equal rights to use technology as a resource and:

- I understand that the school systems and devices are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use them for personal or recreational use if I have permission
- I will only make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work, if I have permission
- I will not use the school systems or devices for online gaming, online gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (eg YouTube) unless there was a specific reason given by staff and if I have permission of a member of staff to do so
- I will act as I expect others to act toward me:
- I will respect others' work and property and will only access, copy, remove or alter any other user's files, with the owner's knowledge and permission
- I will be polite and responsible when I communicate with others, I will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions
- I will only take or distribute images of others with their permission.

I recognise that the school has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of the technology it offers me and to ensure the smooth running of the school:

- I will only use my own personal device(s) in school, if I have permission and I understand that, if I do use my own device(s) in the school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment
- I understand the risks and will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others, nor will I try to use any programmes or software that might allow me to bypass the filtering/security systems in place to prevent access to such materials
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened

- I will only open hyperlinks in emails or attachments to emails, if I know and trust the person/organisation who sent the email, and have no concerns about the validity of the email (due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes)
- I will only install/ store programmes on a school device, if I have permission
- I will not access or use social media sites during school hours, either on my mobile device or on a school device

When using the internet for research or recreation, I recognise that:

- I should ensure that I have permission to use the original work of others in my own work
- where work is protected by copyright, I will not try to download copies (including music and videos)
- when I am using the internet to find information, I should take care to check that the information that I access is accurate, as I understand that the work of others may not be truthful and may be a deliberate attempt to mislead me.

I understand that I am responsible for my actions, both in and out of school:

- I understand that the school also has the right to take action against me if I am involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, that are covered in this agreement, when I am out of school and where they involve my membership of the school community (examples would be online bullying, use of images or personal information)
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this acceptable use agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include loss of access to the school network/internet, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities, involvement of the police.

Please complete the sections below / on the next page to show that you have read, understood and agree to the rules included in the acceptable use agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems and devices.

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I have read and understand the above and agree to follow these guidelines when:

- I use the school systems and devices (both in and out of school)
- I use my own devices in the school (when allowed), e.g. mobile phones, cameras etc
- I use my own equipment out of the school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school, e.g. communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, learning platforms etc

Name of Learner:..... Group/Class:.....

Signed:..... Date:.....

Parent/Carer.....Date:.....