BOLDMERE JUNIOR SCHOOL

INFORMATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS CONCERNING THE USE OF THE INTERNET AT BOLDMERE JUNIOR SCHOOL

With our ever changing world, it is important that the children have access to the internet, which is a valuable tool for learning within our curriculum. We have internet access on a range of computers, laptops and iPads used for many diverse activities, however there is always the need to ensure the children are kept safe.

Our school internet access providers operate filtering systems that restrict access to inappropriate materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control access to all materials. A very determined user could access controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials, Birmingham City Council/ Boldmere Junior School cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet. Birmingham City Council/Boldmere Junior School will not be liable under any circumstances for any damages arising from your child's use of the internet facilities. The use of the internet through school computers must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school.

Name of child…….Class ……..

At Boldmere Junior School we ensure E-safety is taught as part of our curriculum. This includes an E-safety day, E-safety built into ICT topics and regular assessment of the children's understanding of what E-safety is. There is also a dedicated page on the school website to promote E-safety.

E-Safety and Boldmere Junior School

Why not discuss some simple family rules to help keep your children safe:

- Ask your child to ask permission before using the internet and discuss what websites they are going to use.
- Use a child friendly search engine (see below).
- Only e-mail people they know – why not try setting up their own address book with their friends in.
- Ask permission before opening an e-mail from an unknown sender.
- Create a nickname when playing on-line games rather than their real name.
- Never give out any personal information about themselves, friends or family, especially addresses and telephone numbers.
- Never arrange to meet anyone they have 'met' on the internet.
- Never tell anyone which school they go to or put on pictures in school uniform.
- Only use a webcam with people they know.
- Tell parents immediately if they see anything that is inappropriate.
- Go through these rules and pin them near the computer to remind your child of the rules that you have discussed together. These rules are not a punishment but a way to help keep children safe when they are on the internet.
- Child friendly search engines:

www.askkids.com
www.kidsclick.org
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/search
www.kids.yahoo.com

RULES FOR RESPONSIBLE USE

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, my photograph or the name and location of my school without permission.

2. I will not respond to any message that is unpleasant and makes me feel uncomfortable in any way. It is not my fault if I get a message like that.
If I do, I will tell a teacher right away so that the service provider can be contacted.

3. I will tell a teacher immediately if I find a site that is likely to be offensive in any way to any member of the school community and I will not discuss it with others.

4 I will only be allowed to use the school's email with permission from a teacher. The use of e-mail services such as 'Hotmail', 'Facebook','Twitter', 'WhatsApp', 'Snapchat' and other social networking sites, is strictly prohibited.

5. I will not type in any inappropriate words in the search engine.

6. I will not engage in on-line conversations unless given specific permission by a supervising member of staff.

7. I understand that the failure to comply with these rules will result in restrictions on my use of the internet facilities at Boldmere Junior School. My parents/guardians will be informed of these restrictions.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND SIGN TO SAY YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE INTERNET AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL.

PLEASE ALSO CONFIRM YOU HAVE DISCUSSED THE RULES FOR RESPONSIBLE US

Name of your child ……class …….

Parent's/Guardian's Permission	**Pupil's Agreement**
I give permission for access to the internet on the terms set out above.	I agree to follow the Rules for Responsible internet use.
Signed…….	Signed……
Print Name……..	Print Name…….
Date…….	Class……