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**Acceptable User Policy (AUP)**

Dear Parents and Carers

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies provide powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. They can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

The enclosed ICT Acceptable Use Policy forms part of the wider school Online Safety Policy, a copy of which can be found on our school website: www.oysterpark.co.uk under the Key Information tab. The policy clearly outlines the principles we expect our pupils to uphold when accessing digital technologies such as computers and tablets in school.

The Acceptable User Policy has been adapted for Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to ensure it is appropriate for all our pupils. The agreements have been shared with pupils as part of our Social Skills Curriculum, all pupils' are aware of the expectation they will be responsible users of technologies in school as it is for the benefit of both themselves and the wider school community.

Your support in promoting Online safety is essential and we would therefore ask that you please read and discuss the enclosed ICT Acceptable Use Policy with your child. If you would like to find out more about Online Safety for parents and carers please visit the Online Safety page located in the Parents section of the school website.
 If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of the use of ICT in school, do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind Regards,

Mrs H Bodycombe

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