



**Jordans School**

## **E-SAFETY**

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.

**This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:**

- **that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.**
- **that school / academy systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.**
- **that parents and carers are aware of the importance of e-safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.**

The school will try to ensure that students will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users.

Parents are requested to sign the permission form below with their child to show their support of the school in this important aspect of the school's work.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that young people will be safe when they use the internet and ICT systems. I also understand that the school cannot ultimately be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed on the internet and using mobile technologies.

Parents, carers and adults in schools should be aware of the potential dangers and be taking measures to ensure safe usage by all. Children at Jordans use the Internet on a regular basis as part of their learning. In school, we have regular 'e-safety' activities to remind children of the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

At home, many children are often given unsupervised access to the Internet. This potentially, allows them to access all kinds of content (both good and bad) and bring it into their homes.

### **Here are a few tips:**

Keep your computer in a shared area - Talk to your child about what they are doing online and, if possible, set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can always see what sites are being visited.

Facebook and all other Social Media Sites - Are you aware that many of these sites have a minimum age limit of 13, so our pupils should NOT be using them?

Google Safe Search - This is designed to screen sites that contain sexually explicit content and remove

them from your search results. While no filter is 100% accurate, SafeSearch helps you avoid content you may prefer not to see or would rather your children did not stumble across.

By default, Moderate SafeSearch is turned on, which helps keep explicit images out of your search results. If you prefer you can change your setting to Strict filtering to help filter out explicit text as well as images. You can modify your computer's SafeSearch settings by clicking on Search settings at the top right of the Google homepage.

Please see the attached Pupils Code of Practice for the Use of Internet.

#### **PUPILS CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE USE OF THE INTERNET**

- I only use the internet when I am with a teacher or adult.
- I never tell anyone my name, address, telephone number when I am on any website or using an e-mail.
- I do not use the internet to upset people, for example by using bad language.
- I always tell my teacher if I see bad language or unpleasant things while I am online.
- I am always myself and do not pretend to be anyone or anything I am not when I am online.
- I know that my teacher will be looking at the sites I use.
- I understand that I will not be able to use the internet if I do not follow these rules.

Please take some time to discuss these rules with your child. We agree to support the school's policy on the use of the Internet.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_