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Archers Brook SEMH Residential School recognises that ICT and the internet are fantastic tools for learning and communication that can be used in school to enhance the curriculum, challenge students, and support creativity and independence. Using ICT to interact socially and share ideas can benefit everyone in the school community, but it is important that the use of the internet and ICT is seen as a responsibility and that students, staff and parents use it appropriately and practice good e-safety. It is important that all members of the school community are aware of the dangers of using the internet and how they should conduct themselves online.

E-safety covers the internet but it also covers mobile phones and other electronic communications technologies. We know that some adults and young people will use these technologies to harm children. The harm might range from sending hurtful or abusive texts and emails, to enticing children to engage in sexually harmful conversations or actions online, webcam filming, photography or face-to-face meetings. **There is a 'duty of care' for any persons working with children and educating all members of the school community on the risks and responsibilities of e-safety falls under this duty.** It is important that there is a balance between controlling access to the internet and technology and allowing freedom to explore and use these tools to their full potential. This policy aims to be an aid in regulating ICT activity in school, and provide a good understanding of appropriate ICT use that members of the school community can use as a reference for their conduct online outside of school hours. **E-safety is a whole-school issue and responsibility.**

Cyber-bullying by pupils will be treated as seriously as any other type of bullying and will be managed through our anti-bullying procedures which are outlined in our behaviour policy**.**

1. Roles and responsibility

The School e-Safety Coordinators are Mr I Dean/ Mrs K Taylor

Signatures: ....

The designated member of the Governing Body responsible for E-safety is Mr R Crompton

This Policy is available from the School Office, Reception, staff 'T' drive (internally) and on the school VLE for parents, staff, and pupils to access when and as they wish. Rules relating to the School Code of Conduct when online, and e-safety guidelines, are displayed around the School. E-safety is integrated into the curriculum in any circumstance where the internet or technology are being used, and during PSHEE lessons where personal safety, responsibility, and development are being discussed, through modules in ICT. Training for parents/carers/staff and pupils is also provided by Mr Dean/Mrs Taylor via the use of CEOP resources.

The Student Council also pay a pivotal role in getting the message across and communicating the current concerns with regards to e-safety. A member/s of the student council have taken part in the Safer Schools & Young People Partnership: E-Safety Programme Training and directly feed in the e-safety ethos.

3. Making use of ICT and the internet in School

The internet is used in school to raise educational standards, to promote pupil achievement, to support the professional work of staff and to enhance the school's management functions. Technology is advancing rapidly and is now a huge part of everyday life, education and business. We want to equip our students with all the necessary ICT skills that they will need in order to enable them to progress confidently into a professional working environment when they leave school.

Some of the benefits of using ICT and the internet in schools are:

For students:

- Unlimited access to worldwide educational resources and institutions such as art galleries, museums and libraries.
- Access to subject experts, role models, inspirational people and organisations. The internet can provide a great opportunity for pupils to interact with people that they otherwise would never be able to meet.
- An enhanced curriculum; interactive learning tools; collaboration, locally, nationally, and globally; self-evaluation; feedback and assessment; updates on current affairs as they happen.
- Access to learning whenever and wherever convenient.
- Freedom to be creative.
- Freedom to explore the world and its cultures from within a classroom.
- Social inclusion, in class and online.
- Access to case studies, videos and interactive media to enhance understanding.
- Individualised access to learning.
- Sharp system

For staff:

- Professional development through access to national developments, educational materials and examples of effective curriculum practice and classroom strategies.
- Immediate professional and personal support through networks and associations.
- Improved access to technical support.
- Ability to provide immediate feedback to students and parents.
- Class management, attendance records, schedule, and assignment tracking.
- Sharp system
- Website CPD blogs
- Use of recording and monitoring systems Esafe/C-Poms/ARBOR

For parents:

- Communication through email and teacher to parent texting
- Access to schools virtual learning environment (VLE)
- Access to policies via schools website
- Learning tool for Parents/carers
- Information sharing
- Sharp system

- Training for parents on the safer use of the internet offered by staff.

4. Learning to evaluate internet content

With so much information available online it is important that pupils learn how to evaluate internet content for accuracy and intent. This is approached by the school as part of digital literacy across all subjects in the curriculum. Students will be taught:

- to be critically aware of materials they read, and shown how to validate information before accepting it as accurate
- to use age-appropriate tools to search for information online
- to acknowledge the source of information used and to respect copyright. Plagiarism is against the law and the school will take any intentional acts of plagiary very seriously. Students who are found to have plagiarised will be disciplined. If they have plagiarised in an exam or a piece of coursework, they may be prohibited from completing that exam.

The school will also take steps to filter internet content to ensure that it is appropriate to the age and maturity of pupils. If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites then the URL will be reported to the *school e-safety coordinator.* Any material found by members of the school community that is believed to be unlawful will be reported to the appropriate agencies. Regular software and broadband checks will take place to ensure that filtering services are working effectively, this is completed by CWAC.

5. Managing information systems

The school is responsible for reviewing and managing the security of the computers and internet networks as a whole and takes the protection of school data and personal protection of our school community very seriously. This means protecting the school network, as far as is practicably possible, against viruses, hackers and other external security threats. The security of the school information systems and users will be reviewed regularly by the IT technicians/ICT coordinator/network manager and virus protection software will be updated regularly. Some safeguards that the school takes to secure our computer systems are:

- ensuring that all personal data sent over the internet or taken off site is encrypted
- Making sure that unapproved software is not downloaded to any school computers. Alerts will be set up to warn users of this and this is monitored by the ICT technician
- files held on the school network will be regularly checked for viruses
- the use of user logins and passwords to access the school network will be enforced
- portable media containing school data or programmes will not be taken off-site without specific permission from a member of the senior leadership team.

For more information on data protection in school please refer to our **data protection policy**. This can be found in the school policy files in reception or by accessing the staff R drive internally. More information on protecting personal data can be found in **section 11** of this policy.

6. Emails

The school uses email internally for staff and pupils, and externally for contacting parents, and is an essential part of school communication. It is also used to enhance the curriculum by:

- initiating contact and projects with other schools nationally and internationally
- Understanding how to send professional emails-netiquette study for exams

Staff and pupils should be aware that school email accounts should only be used for school-related matters, i.e. for staff to contact parents, students, other members of staff and other professionals for work purposes. This is important for confidentiality. The school has the right to monitor emails and their contents but will only do so if it feels there is reason to.

6.2 School email accounts and appropriate use

- In school pupils will use a whole class email address for projects and study. These are monitored and managed in school.
- The school only allows email accounts in school that have been approved by the school and are also monitored.
- Each pupil will have a single user login to use.

Staff should be aware of the following when using email in school:

- Staff should only use official school-provided email accounts to communicate with pupils, parents or carers. Personal email accounts should not be used to contact any of these people and should not be accessed during school hours.
- Emails sent from school accounts should be professionally and carefully written. Staff are representing the school at all times and should take this into account when entering into any email communications.
- Staff must tell their manager or a member of the senior leadership team if they receive any offensive, threatening or unsuitable emails either from within the school or from an external account. They should not attempt to deal with this themselves.
- The forwarding of chain messages is not permitted in school.

Students should be aware of the following when using email in school, and will be taught to follow these guidelines through the ICT curriculum and in any instance where email is being used within the curriculum or in class:

- in school, pupils should only use school-approved email accounts
- pupils should tell a member of staff if they receive any offensive, threatening or unsuitable emails either from within the school or from an external account. They should not attempt to deal with this themselves.
- pupils must be careful not to reveal any personal information over email, or arrange to meet up with anyone who they have met online without specific permission from an adult in charge.

Pupils will be educated through the ICT curriculum to identify spam, phishing and virus emails and attachments that could cause harm to the school network or their personal account or wellbeing.

6.3 Complaints of misuse of photographs or video

Parents should follow standard school complaints procedure if they have a concern or complaint regarding the misuse of school photographs. Please refer to our complaints policy for more information on the steps to take when making a complaint. Any issues or sanctions will be dealt with in line with the schools child protection policy and behaviour policy.

6.4 Social networking, social media and personal publishing

Personal publishing tools include blogs, wikis, social networking sites, bulletin boards, chat rooms and instant messaging programmes. These online forums are the more obvious sources of inappropriate and harmful behaviour and where pupils are most vulnerable to being contacted by a dangerous person. It is important that we educate students so that they can make their own informed decisions and take responsibility for their conduct online. Pupils are not allowed to access social media sites in school.

Social media sites have many benefits for both personal use and professional learning; however, both staff and students should be aware of how they present themselves online. Students are taught through the ICT curriculum, PSD and via the use of CEOP resources about the risks and responsibility of uploading personal information and the difficulty of taking it down completely once it is out in such a public place. The school follows general rules on the use of social media and social networking sites in school:

- Pupils are educated on the dangers of social networking sites and how to use them in safe and productive ways. They are all made fully aware of the school’s code of conduct regarding the use of ICT and technologies and behaviour online.
- Any sites that are to be used in class will be risk-assessed by the teacher in charge prior to the lesson to ensure that the site is age-appropriate and safe for use.
- Official school blogs created by staff or students/year groups/school clubs as part of the school curriculum will be password-protected and run from the school website with the approval of a member of staff and will be moderated by a member of staff.
- Pupils and staff are encouraged not to publish specific and detailed private thoughts, especially those that might be considered hurtful, harmful or defamatory. The school expects all staff and pupils to remember that they are representing the school at all times and must act appropriately.
- Safe and professional behaviour of staff online will be discussed at staff induction.

7. Published content and the school website

The school website is viewed as a useful tool for communicating our school ethos and practice to the wider community. It is also a valuable resource for parents, students, and staff for keeping up-to-date with school news and events, celebrating whole-school achievements and personal achievements, and promoting school projects.

The website is in the public domain, and can be viewed by anybody online. Any information published on the website will be carefully considered in terms of safety for the school community, copyrights and privacy policies. No personal information on staff or pupils will be published, and details for contacting the school will be for the school office only. **For information on the school policy on children's photographs on the school website please refer to section 7.2 of this policy.**

The School has 3 named staff members who are responsible for publishing and maintaining content on the Schools website and can be contacted through the school office
They are; Mrs J Sedgwick / Mrs K Taylor /K Skinner

7.2 Policy and guidance of safe use of children's photographs and work

Colour photographs and pupils work bring our school to life, showcase our student's talents, and add interest to publications both online and in print that represent the school. However, the school acknowledges the importance of having safety precautions in place to prevent the misuse of such material.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 images of pupils and staff will not be displayed in public, either in print or online, without consent. On admission to the school parents/carers will be asked to sign a photography consent form. The school does this so as to prevent repeatedly asking parents for consent over the school year, which is time-consuming for both parents and the school. The terms of use of photographs never change, and so consenting to the use of photographs of your child over a period of time rather than a one-off incident does not affect what you are consenting to. This consent form will outline the school's policy on the use of photographs of children, including:

- how and when the photographs will be used
- how long parents are consenting the use of the images for
- School policy on the storage and deletion of photographs.

Parents will be contacted annually for consent. A template of the consent form can be found at the end of this policy.

Using photographs of individual children

The vast majority of people who take or view photographs or videos of children do so for entirely innocent, understandable and acceptable reasons. Sadly, some people abuse children through taking or using images, so we must ensure that we have some safeguards in place.

It is important that published images do not identify students or put them at risk of being identified. The school is careful to ensure that images published on the school website cannot be reused or manipulated browser restrictions. Only images created by or for the school will be used in public and children may not be approached or photographed while in school or doing school activities without the school's permission. The school follows general rules on the use of photographs of individual children:

- Parental consent must be obtained. Consent will cover the use of images in:
  - all school publications
  - on the school website
  - in newspapers as allowed by the school
  - in videos made by the school or in class for school projects.
- Electronic and paper images will be stored securely.
- Names of stored photographic files will not identify the child.
- Images will be carefully chosen to ensure that they do not pose a risk of misuse. This includes ensuring that pupils are appropriately dressed. Photographs of activities which may pose a greater risk of potential misuse (for example, swimming activities); will focus more on the sport than the pupils (i.e. a student in a swimming pool, rather than standing by the side in a swimsuit).
- For public documents, including in newspapers, full names will not be published alongside images of the child. Groups may be referred to collectively by year group or form name.
- Events recorded by family members of the students such as school plays or sports days must be used for personal use only.
- Pupils are encouraged to tell a member staff if they are concerned or uncomfortable with any photographs that are taken of them or they are being asked to participate in.
- Any photographers that are commissioned by the school will be fully briefed on appropriateness in terms of content and behaviour, will wear identification at all times, and will not have unsupervised access to the pupils. For more information on safeguarding in school please refer to our school child protection policy.

8. Mobile phones and personal device

While mobile phones and personal communication devices are commonplace in today's society, their use and the responsibility for using them should not be taken lightly. Some issues surrounding the possession of these devices are:

- they can make pupils and staff more vulnerable to cyberbullying
- they can be used to access inappropriate internet material
- they can be a distraction in the classroom
- they are valuable items that could be stolen, damaged, or lost
- they can have integrated cameras, which can lead to child protection, bullying and data protection issues.
- Sexting- the use of images or videos generated by children under the age 18 or of children under the age of 18 that are of a sexual nature or are indecent.

For all of the above reasons the school has a total ban on pupils bringing in/ or being in the possession of a mobile phone during the school day. All pupils are expected to hand in their mobiles at the start of the school day. During the evenings pupils have access to the school mobile which they can have access to as and when needed and free of charge.

- The school will not tolerate cyberbullying against either pupils or staff. Sending inappropriate, suggestive or abusive messages is forbidden and anyone who is found to have sent a message of such content will be disciplined. For more information on the school's disciplinary sanctions read the school behaviour policy**.**
- Those found using a mobile phone will have it confiscated by a member of staff. In line with safeguarding guidance and common law, with permission from the parent or carer of the pupil the device can be searched by a member of the senior leadership team and witnessed by another member of staff (if there is a strong reason to believe that there may be evidence of harmful or inappropriate use on the device that could cause harm or vulnerability or be unlawful. In this event the police would be advised immediately and the matter would be handed to their charge.
- Any pupil who brings a mobile phone or personal device into school is agreeing that they are responsible for its safety. The school will not take responsibility for personal devices that have been lost, stolen, or damaged.
- If staff wish to use these devices in class as part of a learning project, or in line with their day to day duties must get permission from a member of the senior leadership team.

8.2 Mobile phone or personal device misuse

Pupils

- Pupils who breach school policy relating to the use of personal devices will be disciplined in line with the school's behaviour policy. Their mobile phone may be confiscated.
- Pupils are under no circumstances allowed to bring mobile phones or personal devices into examination rooms with them. If a pupil is found with a mobile phone in their possession it will be confiscated. The breach of rules will be reported to the appropriate examining body and may result in the pupil being prohibited from taking that exam.

Staff

- Under no circumstances should staff use their own personal devices to contact pupils or parents either in or out of school time.
- Staff are not permitted to take photos or videos of pupils. If photos or videos are being taken as part of the school curriculum or for a professional capacity, the school equipment will be used for this.
- The school expects staff to lead by example. Personal mobile phones should be switched off or on 'silent' during school hours.
- Any breach of school policy may result in disciplinary action against that member of staff. More information on this can be found in the **child protection policy**, or in the staff contract of employment.

9. Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying, as with any other form of bullying, is taken very seriously by the school. Information about specific strategies or programmes in place to prevent and tackle bullying is set out in the behaviour policy**.** The anonymity that can come with using the internet can sometimes make people feel safe to say and do hurtful things that they otherwise would not do in person. It is made very clear to members of the school community what is expected of them in terms of respecting their peers, members of the public and staff, and any intentional breach of this will result in disciplinary action.

If an allegation of bullying does come up, the school will:

- take it seriously
- Act as quickly as possible to establish the facts. record and report the incident via CPOMS this will then be sent to ID/KT who will follow up with the relevant action
- Provide support and reassurance to the victim and signpost support to them and their family's
- Should cyberbullying impact on school safety this behaviour will not be tolerated. If there is a group of people involved, they will be spoken to individually and as a whole group. It is important that children who have harmed another, either physically or emotionally, redress their actions and the school will make sure that they understand what they have done and the impact of their actions.

If a sanction is used, it will correlate to the seriousness of the incident and the 'bully' will be told why it is being used. They will be asked to remove any harmful or inappropriate content that has been published and the service provider may be contacted to do this if they refuse or are unable to remove it. They may have their internet access suspended in school.

Repeated bullying will result in more severe action up to and including Police intervention.

10. Managing emerging technologies

Technology is progressing rapidly and new technologies are emerging all the time. The school will risk-assess any new technologies before they are allowed in school, and will consider any educational benefits that they might have. The school keeps up-to-date with new technologies and is prepared to quickly develop appropriate strategies for dealing with new technological developments. As part of this regular meetings take place between the safeguarding lead and the named co-coordinator to discuss any concerns raised by Staff/Pupils/Parents/Media and identify suitable training needs.

11. Protecting personal data

In line with GDPR

Signed: ………………………………………………………………………………..
Mrs Myers-Whittaker
Headteacher

Date: ....…………………………………………………..………………………………

Signed: ………………………………………………………………………………..
Mr R Crompton
Chairman of Governors

Date: ......……………………………………………………………………………………

Appendices

Can be found on the following pages:

- Consent form for photographs and pupil work
- Student / Pupil Acceptable Usage Policy template
- Staff and Volunteers Acceptable Usage Policy template
- Parents / Carers Acceptable Usage Policy Agreement template
- School E-Safety Charter
- Legislation
- Links to other organisations and documents
- Resources
- Glossary of terms

ARCHERS BROOK SCHOOL
Consent form for Photographs and Pupil Work

Name of Child .... **Date of birth** ....

Name of Parent ....

ARCHERS BROOK SCHOOL believes that celebrating the achievement of children in school is an important part of their learning experience and personal development. Taking photographs and videos of pupils for internal display and displaying pupil work enables us to celebrate individual and group successes as a school community. We would also like to use photographs and videos of the school and its pupils to promote the good educational practice of the school. Children's full names will never be published externally with their photographs, but may be published internally (for example, on display with their work).

By signing this form you are consenting to the use of images of your child being used in the following outlets under the terms outlined in section 7 of our e-safety policy:

- all school publications
- on the school website
- in newspapers as allowed by the school
- in videos made by the school or in class for school projects

Please read the questions below, circle your answers and then sign and date the bottom of the form. Please then return this form to the school office as soon as possible.

1. Can we use your child's photograph in printed publications by ARCHERS BROOK SCHOOL
   YES / NO

2. Can we use your child's photograph on our website or the school's partnership websites either:

   - In a group or as a member of a whole school activity?
     YES / NO

   - Individually?
     YES / NO

3. Can we use your child's photo for publication in a newspaper?
   YES / NO

4. Can we photograph and video your child within school, and display these publicly within the school, as part of the curriculum and in class?
   YES / NO

5. Can we use videos of your children to share good practice with professionals from other schools?
   YES / NO

This consent form covers consent for the duration of one school year, after which we will ask for your renewed consent. Once your child leaves the school, photographs and videos may be archived within the school but will not be published without renewed consent. More information regarding the storage and protection of images can be found in the school data protection policy.

A full copy of the school's policy on e-safety containing information on the safe use of photographs, videos, and the work of children in school can be found in the school office, reception and on the school website.

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

Archers Brook School
Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

School Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies 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 ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.

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

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

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

For my own personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.

- I will treat my username and password like my toothbrush – I will not share it, nor will I try to use any other person's username and password.

- I will be aware of "stranger danger", when I am communicating on-line.

- I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when on-line.

- If I arrange to meet people off-line that I have communicated with on-line, 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 on-line.

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

- I understand that the school ICT systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will not use the systems for personal or recreational use unless I have permission to do so.

- I will not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.

- I will not use the school ICT systems for on-line gaming, on-line gambling, internet shopping, file sharing, or video broadcasting (e.g. YouTube).

I will act as I expect others to act toward me:

- I will respect others' work and property and will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without 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 not take or distribute images of anyone without 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 personal USB devices in school if I have permission. I understand that, if I do use my own device in 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 not open any attachments to emails, unless I know and trust the person / organisation who sent the email, due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings.

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 cyber-bullying, use of images or personal information).
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include loss of access to the school network / internet, detentions, suspensions, contact with parents and in the event of illegal activities involvement of the police.

Please complete the sections 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 ICT systems.

Archers Brook School

Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement Form

This form relates to the student / pupil Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), to which it is attached.

Please complete the sections below 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 ICT systems.

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

- I use the school ICT systems and equipment (both in and out of school)
- I use my own equipment in school (when allowed) e.g. mobile phones, PDAs, cameras etc
- I use my own equipment out of 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, VLE, website etc.

Name of Student / Pupil

Group / Class

Signed

Archers Brook School

Staff (and supply) Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

School Policy

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This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:

- That staff and volunteers will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- That school ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- That staff are protected from potential risk in their use of ICT in their everyday work.

The school will try to ensure that staff and volunteers will have good access to ICT to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for *students / pupils* learning and will, in return, expect staff and volunteers to agree to be responsible users.

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users. I recognise the value of the use of ICT for enhancing learning and will ensure that students / pupils receive opportunities to gain from the use of ICT. I will, where possible, educate the young people in my care in the safe use of ICT and embed e-safety in my work with young people.

For my professional and personal safety:

- I understand that the school will monitor my use of the ICT systems, email and other digital communications.
- I understand that the rules set out in this agreement also apply to use of school ICT systems (e.g. laptops, email, VLE etc) out of school.
- I understand that the school ICT systems are primarily intended for educational use and that I will only use the systems for personal or recreational use within the policies and rules set down by the school.
- I will not disclose my username or password to anyone else, nor will I try to use any other person's username and pas2112sword.
- I will immediately report any illegal, inappropriate or harmful material or incident I become aware of, to the appropriate person.

I will be professional in my communications and actions when using school ICT systems:

- I will not access, copy, remove or otherwise alter any other user's files, without their express permission.
- I will communicate with others in a professional manner, I will not use aggressive or inappropriate language and I appreciate that others may have different opinions.
- I will ensure that when I take and / or publish images of others I will do so with their permission and in accordance with the school's policy on the use of digital / video images. I will not use my personal equipment to record these images, unless I have permission to do so. Where these images are published (e.g. on the school website / VLE) it will not be possible to identify by name, or other personal information, those who are featured.
- I will not use chat and social networking sites in school.
- I will only communicate with students / pupils and parents / carers using official school systems. Any such communication will be professional in tone and manner.
- I will not engage in any on-line activity that may compromise my professional responsibilities.

The school and the local authority have the responsibility to provide safe and secure access to technologies and ensure the smooth running of the school:

- When I use my personal hand held / external devices (PDAs / laptops / mobile phones / USB devices etc) in school, I will follow the rules set out in this agreement, in the same way as if I was using school equipment. I will also follow any additional rules set by the school about such use. I will ensure that any such devices are protected by up to date anti-virus software and are free from viruses.
- I will not use personal email addresses on the school ICT systems unless permission is received from SLT.
- I will not open any attachments to emails, unless the source is known and trusted, due to the risk of the attachment containing viruses or other harmful programmes.
- I will ensure that my data is regularly backed up, in accordance with relevant school policies.
- I will not try to upload, download or access any materials which are illegal (child sexual abuse images, criminally racist material, adult pornography covered by the Obscene Publications Act) or inappropriate or may cause harm or distress to others. I will not 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 not try (unless I have permission) to make large downloads or uploads that might take up internet capacity and prevent other users from being able to carry out their work.
- I will not install or attempt to install programmes of any type on a machine, or store programmes on a computer, nor will I try to alter computer settings, unless this is allowed in school policies.
- I will not disable or cause any damage to school equipment, or the equipment belonging to others.

- I will only transport, hold, disclose or share personal information about myself or others, as outlined in the School / LA Personal Data Policy. Where personal data is transferred outside the secure school network, it must be encrypted.
- I understand that data protection policy requires that any staff or student / pupil data to which I have access, will be kept private and confidential, except when it is deemed necessary that I am required by law or by school policy to disclose such information to an appropriate authority.
- I will immediately report any damage or faults involving equipment or software, however this may have happened.

When using the internet in my professional capacity or for school sanctioned personal use:

- I will 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 download or distribute copies (including music and videos).

Where data of a personal nature such as school reports, ARBOR, C-POms correspondence, photographs and assessment data is accessed at home, or taken home on a school laptop or other storage device, it must be recognised that this data comes under General Data Protection Regulations and is subject to the school's Data Protection Policy, Data incident policy and rights of access policy. Care must therefore be taken to ensure its integrity and security. It must not be transferred to home computers and should be removed from any portable device including USB pens and memory cards as soon as is practical. Where staff are using their own digital equipment such as cameras and mobile phones, extreme caution is advised to avoid misinterpretation by others. Files should be transferred to school equipment as soon as possible.

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

- I understand that this Acceptable Use Policy applies not only to my work and use of school ICT equipment in school, but also applies to my use of school ICT systems and equipment out of school and my use of personal equipment in school or in situations related to my employment by the school. Please refer to 6.4 of the E Safety Policy.
- I understand that if I fail to comply with this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement, I could be subject to disciplinary action. This could include a warning, a suspension, referral to Governors and / or the Local Authority and in the event of illegal activities the involvement of the police.

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school ICT systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

Staff / Volunteer Name

Signed

Date

ARCHERS BROOK SCHOOL
Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Policy

New technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people in today's society, both within schools and in their lives outside school. The internet and other digital information and communications technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies 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 ICT 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 / pupils* will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will, in return, expect the *students / pupils* to agree to be responsible users. A copy of the Student / Pupil Acceptable Use Policy is attached to this permission form, so that parents / carers will be aware of the school expectations of the young people in their care.

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

Permission Form

Parent / Carers Name	
Student / Pupil Name	

As the parent / carer of the above *students / pupils*, I give permission for my son / daughter to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I know that my son / daughter has signed an Acceptable Use Agreement and has received, or will receive, e-safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of ICT – both in and out of school.

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.

I understand that my son's / daughter's activity on the ICT systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.

I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's e-safety.

Signed		Date	

E-Safety – A School Charter for Action

Name of School	ARCHERS BROOK SCHOOL
Name of Local Authority	Cheshire West & Chester

We are working with staff, pupils and parents / carers to create a school community which values the use of new technologies in enhancing learning, encourages responsible use of ICT, and follows agreed policies to minimise potential e-safety risks.

Our school community

Discusses monitors and reviews our e-safety **policy** on a regular basis. Good practice suggests the policy should be reviewed annually or at most every two years.

Supports **staff** in the use of ICT as an essential tool for enhancing learning and in the embedding of e-safety across the whole school curriculum.

Ensures that **pupils** are aware, through e-safety education, of the potential e-safety risks associated with the use of ICT and mobile technologies, that all e-safety concerns will be dealt with sensitively and effectively; that pupils feel able and safe to report incidents; and that pupils abide by the school's e-safety policy.

Provides opportunities for **parents/carers** to receive e-safety education and information to enable them to support their children in developing good e-safety behaviour. The school will report back to parents / carers regarding e-safety concerns. Parents/carers in turn work with the school to uphold the e-safety policy.

Seeks to learn from e-safety good practice elsewhere and utilises the support of the **LA and relevant organisations** when appropriate.

Chair of Governors	
Headteacher	

Legislation

Schools should be aware of the legislative framework under which this E-Safety Policy template and guidance has been produced. It is important to note that in general terms an action that is illegal if committed offline is also illegal if committed online.

It is recommended that legal advice is sought in the advent of an e safety issue or situation.

Computer Misuse Act 1990

This Act makes it an offence to:

- Erase or amend data or programs without authority;
- Obtain unauthorised access to a computer;
- “Eavesdrop” on a computer;
- Make unauthorised use of computer time or facilities;
- Maliciously corrupt or erase data or programs;
- Deny access to authorised users.

Data Protection Act 1998

This protects the rights and privacy of individual’s data. To comply with the law, information about individuals must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and securely and not disclosed to any third party unlawfully. The Act states that person data must be:

- Fairly and lawfully processed.
- Processed for limited purposes.
- Adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- Accurate.
- Not kept longer than necessary.
- Processed in accordance with the data subject’s rights.
- Secure.
- Not transferred to other countries without adequate protection.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act gives individuals the right to request information held by public authorities. All public authorities and companies wholly owned by public authorities have obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. When responding to requests, they have to follow a number of set procedures.

Communications Act 2003

Sending by means of the Internet a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character; or sending a false message by means of or persistently making use of the Internet for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety is guilty of an offence liable, on conviction, to imprisonment. This wording is important because an offence is complete as soon as the message has been sent: there is no need to prove any intent or purpose.

Malicious Communications Act 1988

It is an offence to send an indecent, offensive, or threatening letter, electronic communication or other article to another person.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
It is an offence for any person to intentionally and without lawful authority intercept any communication. Monitoring or keeping a record of any form of electronic communications is permitted, in order to:

- Establish the facts;
- Ascertain compliance with regulatory or self-regulatory practices or procedures;
- Demonstrate standards, which are or ought to be achieved by persons using the system;
- Investigate or detect unauthorised use of the communications system;
- Prevent or detect crime or in the interests of national security;
- Ensure the effective operation of the system.
- Monitoring but not recording is also permissible in order to:
- Ascertain whether the communication is business or personal;
- Protect or support help line staff.
- The school reserves the right to monitor its systems and communications in line with its rights under this act.

Trade Marks Act 1994
This provides protection for Registered Trade Marks, which can be any symbol (words, shapes or images) that are associated with a particular set of goods or services. Registered Trade Marks must not be used without permission. This can also arise from using a Mark that is confusingly similar to an existing Mark.

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988
It is an offence to copy all, or a substantial part of a copyright work. There are, however, certain limited user permissions, such as fair dealing, which means under certain circumstances permission is not needed to copy small amounts for non-commercial research or private study. The Act also provides for Moral Rights, whereby authors can sue if their name is not included in a work they wrote, or if the work has been amended in such a way as to impugn their reputation. Copyright covers materials in print and electronic form, and includes words, images, and sounds, moving images, TV broadcasts and other media (e.g. you tube).

Telecommunications Act 1984
It is an offence to send a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character. It is also an offence to send a message that is intended to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another that the sender knows to be false.

Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994
This defines a criminal offence of intentional harassment, which covers all forms of harassment, including sexual. A person is guilty of an offence if, with intent to cause a person harassment, alarm or distress, they: -

- Use threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, or disorderly behaviour; or
- Display any writing, sign or other visible representation, which is threatening, abusive or insulting, thereby causing that or another person harassment, alarm or distress.

Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006
This Act makes it a criminal offence to threaten people because of their faith, or to stir up religious hatred by displaying, publishing or distributing written material which is threatening. Other laws already protect people from threats based on their race, nationality or ethnic background.

Protection from Harrassment Act 1997
A person must not pursue a course of conduct, which amounts to harassment of another, and which he knows or ought to know amounts to harassment of the other. A person whose course of conduct causes another to fear, on at least two occasions, that violence will be used against him is guilty of an offence if he knows or ought to know that his course of conduct will cause the other so to fear on each of those occasions.

Protection of Children Act 1978
It is an offence to take, permit to be taken, make, possess, show, distribute or advertise indecent images of children in the United Kingdom. A child for these purposes is a anyone under the age of 18. Viewing an indecent image of a child on your computer means that you have made a digital image. An image of a child also covers pseudo-photographs (digitally collated or otherwise). A person convicted of such an offence may face up to 10 years in prison

Sexual Offences Act 2003
The new grooming offence is committed if you are over 18 and have communicated with a child under 16 at least twice (including by phone or using the Internet) it is an offence to meet them or travel to meet them anywhere in the world with the intention of committing a sexual offence. Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act is illegal, including looking at images such as videos, photos or webcams, for your own gratification. It is also an offence for a person in a position of trust to engage in sexual activity with any person under 18, with whom they are in a position of trust. (Typically, teachers, social workers, health professionals, connexions staff fall in this category of trust). Any sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 13 commits the offence of rape.

Public Order Act 1986
This Act makes it a criminal offence to stir up racial hatred by displaying, publishing or distributing written material which is threatening. Like the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 it also makes the possession of inflammatory material with a view of releasing it a criminal offence. Children, Families and Education Directorate page 38 April 2007.

Obscene Publications Act 1959 and 1964
Publishing an “obscene” article is a criminal offence. Publishing includes electronic transmission.

Human Rights Act 1998
This does not deal with any particular issue specifically or any discrete subject area within the law. It is a type of “higher law”, affecting all other laws. In the school context, human rights to be aware of include:

- The right to a fair trial
- The right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence
- Freedom of thought, conscience and religion
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of assembly
- Prohibition of discrimination
- The right to education

These rights are not absolute. The school is obliged to respect these rights and freedoms, balancing them against those rights, duties and obligations, which arise from other relevant legislation.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006
Empowers Headteachers, to such extent as is reasonable, to regulate the behaviour of students / pupils when they are off the school site and empowers members of staff to impose disciplinary penalties for inappropriate behaviour.

Links to other organisations or documents

The following links may help those who are developing or reviewing a school e-safety policy.

SOUTH WEST GRID FOR LEARNING:
"SWGfL Safe" - **http://www.swgfl.org.uk/safety/default.asp**

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
http://www.ceop.gov.uk/

ThinkUKnow
http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

CHILDNET
http://www.childnet-int.org/

INSAFE
http://www.saferinternet.org/ww/en/pub/insafe/index.htm

BYRON REVIEW ("Safer Children in a Digital World")
http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/byronreview/

Becta
Website e-safety section - **http://schools.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=is**

Developing whole school policies to support effective practice:
http://publications.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?resID=25934&page=1835

Signposts to safety: Teaching e-safety at Key Stages 1 and 2 and at Key Stages 3 and 4:
http://publications.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?resID=32422&page=1835

"Safeguarding Children in a Digital World"
http://schools.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=is&catcode=ss_to_es_tl_rs_03&rid=13344

LONDON GRID FOR LEARNING
http://cms.lgfl.net/web/lgfl/365

KENT NGfL
http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/ict/safety.htm

NORTHERN GRID
http://www.northerngrid.org/ngflwebsite/esafety_server/home.asp

NATIONAL EDUCATION NETWORK
NEN E-Safety Audit Tool: **http://www.nen.gov.uk/hot_topic/13/nen-e-safety-audit-tool.html**

CYBER-BULLYING
DCSF - Cyberbullying guidance
http://publications.teachernet.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=spectrum&ProductId=DCSF-00658-2007
Teachernet
http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/behaviour/tacklingbullying/cyberbullying/

Teachernet "Safe to Learn – embedding anti-bullying work in schools"
http://www.teachers.gov.uk/wholeschool/behaviour/tacklingbullying/safetolearn/

Anti-Bullying Network - **http://www.antibullying.net/cyberbullying1.htm**
Cyberbullying.org - **http://www.cyberbullying.org/**

East Sussex Council – Cyberbullying - A Guide for Schools: **https://czone.eastsussex.gov.uk/supportingchildren/healthwelfare/bullying/Pages/eastsussexandnationalguidance.aspx**

References to other relevant anti-bullying organisations can be found in the appendix to the DCSF publication "Safe to Learn" (see above)

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Home Office Task Force - Social Networking Guidance - **http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/operational-policing/crime-disorder/child-protection-taskforce**

Digizen – "Young People and Social Networking Services": **http://www.digizen.org.uk/socialnetworking/**

Ofcom Report: **http://www.ofcom.org.uk/advice/media_literacy/medlitpub/medlitpubrss/socialnetworking/summary/**

MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES

"How mobile phones help learning in secondary schools": **http://partners.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=rh&catcode=_re_rp_02_a&rid=15482**

Mobile phones and cameras: **http://schools.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=is&catcode=ss_to_es_pp_mob_03**

DATA PROTECTION AND INFORMATION HANDLING

Information Commissioners Office - Data Protection: **http://www.ico.gov.uk/Home/what_we_cover/data_protection.aspx**

BECTA - Data Protection: **http://schools.becta.org.uk/index.php?section=lv&catcode=ss_lv_saf_dp_03**

PARENTS GUIDES TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND SOCIAL NETWORKING: **http://www.iab.ie/**

Resources

SWGfL has produced a wide range of information leaflets and teaching resources, including films and video clips – for parents and school staff. A comprehensive list of these resources (and those available from other organisations) is available on the "SWGfL Safe" website:

http://www.swgfl.org.uk/safety/safetyresources.asp?page=schoolst_resources&audienceid=3

Links to other resource providers:

BBC Chatguides: **http://www.bbc.co.uk/chatguide/index.shtml**

Kidsmart: **http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/default.aspx**

Know It All - **http://www.childnet-int.org/kia/**

Cybersmart - **http://www.cybersmartcurriculum.org/home/**

NCH - **http://www.stoptextbully.com/**

Chatdanger - **http://www.chatdanger.com/**

The Prevent Strategy and the channel duty guidance
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425189/Channel_Duty_Guidance_April_2015.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf

Internet Watch Foundation: **http://www.iwf.org.uk/media/literature.htm**

Digizen – cyber-bullying films: **http://www.digizen.org/cyberbullying/film.aspx**

London Grid for Learning: **http://cms.lgfl.net/web/lgfl/safety/resources**

Glossary of terms

AUP	Acceptable Use Policy – see templates earlier in this document
Becta	British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (Government agency promoting the use of information and communications technology)
CEOP	Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (part of UK Police, dedicated to protecting children from sexual abuse, providers of the Think U Know programmes.
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
CYPS	Children and Young Peoples Services (in Local Authorities)
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
ECM	Every Child Matters
FOSI	Family Online Safety Institute
HSTF	Home Secretary's Task Force on Child Protection on the Internet
ICO	Information Commissioners Office
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
ICTMark	Quality standard for schools provided by Becta
INSET	In Service Education and Training
IP address	The label that identifies each computer to other computers using the IP (internet protocol)
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISPA	Internet Service Providers' Association
IWF	Internet Watch Foundation
JANET	Provides the broadband backbone structure for Higher Education and for the National Education Network and RBCs.
KS1 ..	Key Stage 1 (2, 3, 4 or 5) – schools are structured within these multiple age groups e.g. KS3 = years 7 to 9 (age 11 to 14)
LA	Local Authority
LAN	Local Area Network

Learning A learning platform brings together hardware, software and supporting services

Platform to support teaching, learning, management and administration.

LSCB Local Safeguarding Children Board

MIS Management Information System

MLE Managed Learning Environment

NEN National Education Network – works with the Regional Broadband Consortia (e.g. SWGfL) to provide the safe broadband provision to schools across Britain.

Ofcom Office of Communications (Independent communications sector regulator)

Ofsted Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills

PDA Personal Digital Assistant (handheld device)

PHSE Personal, Health and Social Education

RBC Regional Broadband Consortia (e.g. SWGfL) have been established to procure broadband connectivity for schools in England. There are 10 RBCs covering 139 of the 150 local authorities:

SEF Self Evaluation Form – used by schools for self evaluation and reviewed by Ofsted prior to visiting schools for an inspection

SRF Self Review Form – a tool used by schools to evaluate the quality of their ICT provision and judge their readiness for submission for the ICTMark

SWGfL South West Grid for Learning – the Regional Broadband Consortium of SW Local Authorities – is the provider of broadband and other services for schools and other organisations in the SW

TUK Think U Know – educational e-safety programmes for schools, young people and parents.

VLE Virtual Learning Environment (a software system designed to support teaching and learning in an educational setting,

WAP Wireless Application Protocol