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**Online Safety and Acceptable Use Policy for Pupils 2018**

**Mission Statement**

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**At SS John & Monica’s, we learn through**

**the example of Jesus to**

**Love, Respect, Understand and Value each other.**

**Introduction**

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within and outside of school. These 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 agreement is intended to ensure that:

* Young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
* School systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems at risk.
* The provision of digital technologies to enhance learning is made possible through correct use.

**Online Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement**

I understand that I must use school systems in a responsible way, ensuring 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 the 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 exercise caution when somebody I do not know tries to contact me and will always seek the advice an adult before engaging.
* I will not disclose or share personal information about myself or others when online, including: names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, age, gender, educational details, financial details etc.
* 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 not use them for personal or recreational use unless I have permission.
* 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 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 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 install or attempt to install or store programmes of any type on any school device, 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, including: cyberbullying, use of images or personal information of others without expressed permission etc.
* I understand that if I fail to comply with this agreement, I will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include: loss of access to the school network/internet, 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 agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems and devices.**

## Pupil Online Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement Form

This form relates to the pupil Online Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement, 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 Online Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement. If you do not sign and return this agreement, access will not be granted to school systems.

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 equipment out of the school in a way that is related to me being a member of this school, such as: communicating with other members of the school, accessing school email, VLE, website etc.

Name of Pupil:

Class:

Signed:

Date:

Parent/Carer Countersignature: