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IT Consent

As part of the schools Computing programme, we offer pupils supervised access to the Internet in all areas of the curriculum. This usage has increased in recent years and rather than using the internet merely to access information, the children are now taught to use the internet to communicate and interact online. Before being allowed to continue to use the Internet, all pupils must obtain parental permission and both they and you must sign and return the form below as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the school rules on this matter.

Access to the Internet enables pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with other Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. However, the children are taught how to browse the Internet safely and what to do in the event of coming across inappropriate material. They are also taught how to stay safe online both at school and at home and this is an integral part of their Computing learning.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils might find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the school supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access. Please be aware, however, that denying your child access to the Internet may hinder your child's progress and attainment.

We would be grateful if you could read the enclosed guidance documents and then complete the permission forms and agreements that follow. Please be aware that failing to complete this form may severely impede your child's learning both at school and at home.

This letter explains our policy for use of photographs in further detail. After reading this information, please complete and return the attached form to let us know of your wishes. Please keep a note of these for future reference.

Please note consent forms have been sent for each child not each family. To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we need permission to photograph or make any recordings of your child. Please note the Data Protection Act is not relevant for parents who wish to take photos or record an event for their own personal use. Parents are not permitted however, to take photographs or make a recording for anything other than their own personal use. To do so would require consent of other parents whose children may be captured on film and if this was not given would mean parents concerned would be in breach of the Data Protection Act.

Beecholme Primary School - e-Safety Rules - All pupils use computer facilities including Internet access as an essential part of learning, as required by the National Curriculum. **Children** are required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement (AUP) in school.

Parent / Carer Agreement - I give permission for my child to use internet in school hours

Pupil name		Class	
Parent/carers's signature		Date	

Learning Platform Permission

Pupil's Agreement - As a school user of the Learning Platform, I agree to comply with the school rules on its use. I will use the network in a responsible way and observe all the restrictions explained to me by the school.

Parent/Carer Agreement - I grant permission for my son or daughter to use electronic mail and their learning platform account. I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some materials may be unacceptable and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media.

Pupil's signature		Date	
Parent/Carer's signature		Date	