

# South Hornby School

## STUDENT USE AGREEMENT

### **Important terms used in this document:**

- (a) *The abbreviation 'ICT' in this document refers to the term 'Information and Communication Technologies'*
- (b) *'Cybersafety' refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones*
- (c) *'School ICT' refers to the school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers, and other school ICT equipment/devices as outlined in (d) below*
- (d) *The term 'ICT equipment/devices' used in this document, includes but is not limited to, computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video, digital, webcams), all types of mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), and any other, similar, technologies as they come into use*
- (e) *'Objectionable' in this agreement means material that deals with matters such as sex, cruelty, or violence in such a manner that it is likely to be injurious to the good of students or incompatible with a school environment. This is intended to be inclusive of the definition used in the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993.*

## SECTION A - INTRODUCTION

The measures to ensure the cybersafety of South Hornby School outlined in this document are based on our core values.

The school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programmes at South Hornby School, and to the effective operation of the school.

Our school has rigorous cybersafety practices in place, which include cybersafety use agreements for all school staff and students.

The overall goal of the school in this matter is to create and maintain a cybersafety culture which is in keeping with the values of the school, and legislative and professional obligations. This use agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cybersafety breaches which undermine the safety of the school environment.

All parents will be issued with a use agreement and once signed consent has been returned to school, students will be able to use the school ICT equipment/devices.

The school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices are for educational purposes appropriate to the school environment. This applies whether the ICT equipment is owned or leased either partially or wholly by the school, and used on or off the school site.

The school may monitor traffic and material sent and received using the school's ICT network. The school may use filtering and/or monitoring software to restrict access to certain sites and data, including email.

The school may audit its computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices or commission an independent forensic audit.

## SECTION B - RULES

*These rules will help us to stay safe when using ICT at school:*

1. I cannot use school ICT equipment until my parent/s have signed my use agreement form (see Section C) and the completed form has been returned to school.
2. I can only use the computers and other ICT equipment for my schoolwork and only with my teacher's permission.
3. I can only go online or use the Internet at school when a teacher gives permission and an adult is present.
4. If there is something I'm not sure about I will ask my teacher.
5. I will not use the Internet, email, mobile phones or any other ICT equipment to be mean, rude, or unkind about other people.
6. I will not tell anyone my password.
7. If I find anything that upsets me, is mean or rude, or things I know are not acceptable at our school, I will:

- Not show others
- Turn off the screen and
- Get a teacher straight away

8. I will not connect any ICT equipment/devices to the school network without the teacher's permission.
9. I will ask my teacher's permission before I put any personal information online.

**Personal information includes:**

- **Name**
  - **Address**
  - **Email address**
  - **Phone numbers**
  - **Photos.**
10. I will be careful and will look after all our school ICT equipment by:
    - Not being silly and playing around with it
    - Following our school cybersafety rules
    - Telling a teacher about anything wrong or damaged.
  11. I understand that if I break these rules the school may need to tell my parent(s).

## SECTION C – PARENT/CAREGIVER

### **I understand that South Hornby School will:**

- Do its best to enhance learning through the safe use of ICT. This includes working to restrict access to inappropriate, illegal or harmful material on the Internet or school ICT equipment/devices at school, or at school related activities
- Work progressively with children and their families to encourage and develop an understanding of the importance of cybersafety through education designed to complement and support the use agreement initiative. This includes providing children with strategies to keep themselves safe in cyberspace
- Keep a copy of a signed use agreement on file
- Respond to any breaches in an appropriate manner
- Welcome enquiries from parents or students about cybersafety issues.

### **My responsibilities include:**

- I will read this cybersafety use agreement document
- I will discuss the information with my child and explain why it is important
- I will return the signed agreement to the school
- I will support the school's cybersafety programme by encouraging my child to follow the cybersafety rules, and to always ask the teacher if they are unsure about any use of ICT
- I will contact the principal to discuss any questions I might have about cybersafety and/or this use agreement and I am welcome to do this at any time.