Telford Infant School

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Parent/ Carer Acceptable Use Policy

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Parent / Carer Acceptable Use Agreement

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.
- school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk.
- parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their online behaviour.

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

- Children will ask an adult if they want to use the computers.
- Children will only use activities that an adult has told or allowed them use.
- Children will take care of the computer and other equipment.
- Children will ask for help from an adult if they are not sure what to do or if they think they have done something wrong.
- Children will tell an adult if they see something that upsets them on the screen.
- Children know that if they break the rules they may not be allowed to use a computer.

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.

Parent/Carer Permission Form for use of ICT systems in school

Pupil's name: _____

As the parent / carer of the above pupil, I give permission for my child to have access to the internet and to ICT systems at school.

I understand that my child has received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution, including monitoring and filtering systems, to ensure that children 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 child'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 online safety.

Parent/carer name: ……

Signature: …… Date: …….