

# **RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **INTERNET USE POLICY**

### **Purpose**

To ensure that access to telecommunications networks and computers provided by the school is used fairly and equitably.

Every school user will be made aware of the following guidelines and will be expected to respect them.

To ensure all Internet use is consistent with DET Policy.

### **Objectives**

To give staff and students the opportunity to access the latest ideas and developments around the world via the Internet.

To further strengthen the integration of technology into the school curriculum.

### **Guidelines: For Staff**

- Teachers must always be aware when a student is on line and which sites they are accessing.
- The Internet is not to be used during recesses or before and after school times unless a teacher is present.
- Nothing is printed without the permission of the teacher.
- Copying from the Internet is acceptable providing it is for education purposes. Normal copyright rules must be followed.
- No chat sessions are permitted.
- The focus during classwork is on application not technology.
- The Internet should be used for curriculum purposes, independent research and the transfer of information relevant to the achievement of school goals.

### **Guidelines: For Students**

- No access to the Internet unless supervised.
- Accessing undesirable or offensive material is not permitted.
- All student users must have parent permission and sign a 'self regulation' agreement which binds them to the rules (see over).
- Failure to meet the conditions will result in a loss of access.

### **General**

- Staff may use the Internet for personal work related activities, provided there is no additional cost to the school or commercial gain to the staff member. Usage should not interfere with any other use or work carried out in the school
- Staff should not abuse privilege by visiting inappropriate sites while at the school.
- Teachers can negotiate additional Internet exposure for their students according to vacancies on the master timetable.

# **RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL INTERNET ACCESS PERMISSION SLIP**

Dear Parent

Our students can access the Internet and use Email facilities at school. School policy insists that all students be supervised when using the system. Students are not to visit inappropriate Web sites or engage in derogatory E-mail exchanges. Students will need to show self-discipline when working independently on a project and will be required to sign a 'self regulation' agreement binding them to the rules. It has therefore been decided to obtain parent permission for student Internet access.

Please complete the proforma below and return it to the class teacher. Students who fail to return this slip will not be given permission to participate. Parents will be notified of any indiscretions.

## **INTERNET ACCESS PERMISSION SLIP**

STUDENT NAME ..... YEAR ..... ROOM .....

I ..... give permission for my child to access the Internet and Email facilities at Riverside on the understanding that they will be asked to sign a 'self regulation' agreement requiring them to avoid inappropriate sites and Email exchanges and chat sessions. I understand that if my child contravenes the agreement, approval for Internet access will be withdrawn for a period of 10 weeks.

Signed .....

Date .....

Parent/guardian

## **RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY INTERNET USERS AGREEMENT**

- I will not access undesirable or offensive material.
- I will send messages only with teacher permission.
- At all times I will be courteous to others on the Internet.
- I will not download or play videos, sounds or games unless directed by a teacher.
- I will correctly reference sources of material used from the Internet.
- I will not participate in chat sessions.

All students must sign this 'self regulatory' agreement in order to access the Internet. Parent permission must also be provided.

<b><u>INTERNET AGREEMENT</u></b>	
I _____ agree to act responsibly and follow the above guidelines when using the Internet at School.	
Signed _____	Room _____
(Student Name)	

Please return this to your class teacher