

INTERNET AND DIGITAL DEVICE USER AGREEMENT FOR YEAR K-3 STUDENTS

BACKGROUND

Our school is committed to enhancing our students' education through the use of new technology and via access to the internet. Students need to be protected from exposure to inappropriate online material or activities, to be aware of the risks associated with some online activities and to adopt protective online behaviour. The Department of Education makes every reasonable effort to achieve this by educating and informing students and parents, as well as by putting measures in place to monitor email traffic and internet access.

The focus of our technology program at Winthrop Primary School is to assist our students achieve a level of digital fluency. This does not simply mean building technical prowess or literacy, but more developing critical thinking skills and cross-platform expertise, enabling them to thrive in a 21st Century digital world. Computers, iPads, cameras and other digital devices will increasingly be incorporated across the curriculum.

The devices will be used as individual and group learning tools and only in a supervised environment. The Department of Education have restrictions in place to prohibit access to inappropriate websites and the school will only be using educationally appropriate applications for school iPads. It is important that students take seriously their access to this technology and the responsibility it entails.

If you agree to your child using digital devices, such as iPads and laptops, and accessing the internet in a supervised environment, please:

- read this document with your child
- discuss the implications of the requested commitment
- complete the *User Agreement*.

INTERNET & SOFTWARE

My child agrees to follow the rules set out below when using digital technology at school:

- I will take care of the computers and other devices that I use.
- I will log on to computers using my user name and password only.
- I will always use the programs and websites our teacher asks us to use.
- I will tell the teacher if I see something on the computers that I shouldn't see at school.
- I will not reveal any personal information online including my surname, personal address, phone number or that of other students.
- I will not access or attempt to access inappropriate material.
- I will always ask before I use the computers and the internet.

DEVICES & HARDWARE

Including (but not limited to) iPads, laptops, desktop computers and digital cameras

Winthrop Primary School provides access to digital technology to students and teachers for group and individual work in classrooms. School staff will be monitoring the use of these devices.

My child agrees to follow the rules set out below when using digital technology at school:

- I will ask the teacher before I use digital devices.
- I will tell the teacher if I see something that makes me uncomfortable.
- I will take care of all the equipment.
- I will not change the settings on the iPad.

I understand if I break the rules:

- I may not be allowed to use the iPads, computers or other devices.
- I understand that if my child breaks any of the agreements stated above it may result in consequences as determined by the teacher in accordance with the school's Behaviour Management Policy.
- I agree for my child to abide by the *Internet and Digital Device User Agreement*.

Name of Student: _____

Year & Room Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign and return the User Agreement to your child's teacher.