ICT USAGE BY STUDENTS

Students’ Acceptable Usage Policy

Guidelines and Conditions for Appropriate Use of the Internet

(Revised January 2010)

The following guidelines have been decided upon to regulate the use of the Internet by students attending St Augustine’s Primary School.

St Augustine’s Primary School cannot control all of the information available on the Internet and is not responsible for other people’s actions or the quality and content of information available.

The school will ensure that students:

- are always supervised by a member of staff when using the Internet
- will have a clear understanding that there are sites that should not be visited
- will not copy or print articles without permission from a teacher.

The student will:

- check with the teacher before going to a site or link if uncertain about that site
- search only the relevant topic
- not deliberately access offensive or inappropriate information
- not use the Internet to send / receive a message that is inconsistent with the school’s code of conduct and standards
- not divulge personal / school details of any kind without permission of the teacher
- be required to follow the copyright rules for any information used.

Teachers and Parents need to:

- support one another to encourage their students to use the Internet in an appropriate manner
• be advised that inappropriate use of electronic information can be a violation of local, state, federal and international laws. Violations can lead to prosecution.

**Consequences for inappropriate use:**

The use of the Internet in a school is a privilege not a right and inappropriate use will result in temporary or permanent cancellation of this privilege. In addition, further disciplinary action may be imposed.

Access to the Internet is conditional on this contract being signed by the student, parent/guardian and class teacher.

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I have read and understood this contract and agree to these guidelines and consequences.

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