

RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET

As part of our pupils' curriculum enhancement and development of IT skills, Oakhurst First School is able to provide supervised access to the Internet. This will include the use of E-mail for children in Key Stage 2.

Although there have been concerns about pupils having access to undesirable materials, we have taken positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school Internet access provider operates a filtering system which restricts access to the inappropriate materials. We have also drawn up 'Rules for Responsible Use of the Internet' which will be explained to every child.

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of children to access inappropriate materials, Dorset County Council cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. The Council will not be held liable under any circumstances for any damages arising from your child's use of the Internet facilities.

Rules for Responsible Use of the Internet

We have installed computers and Internet access to help our learning. These rules will keep everyone safe and help us to be fair to others.

You should always:

- Make sure a teacher or adult is present when you are using the Internet.
- Ask your teacher before you copy pictures or words from the Internet.
- Ask your teacher before you send an e-mail to anyone.
- Tell your teacher if you see bad language or rude pictures when you are using the Internet.

You should never:

- Send rude or unkind messages to anyone.
- Give a password to someone else even if they are your friend.
- Look at someone else's files without their permission.
- Tell anyone your home address, telephone number or the name of your school without first checking with your teacher.
- Play about or be silly near the equipment. It could be broken.

**These rules are here to make sure we can enjoy learning with computers!
If you break these rules you will not be allowed to work on the computers and use
the Internet until you can show that you can use the computers sensibly.**

To enable us to take advantage of all the educational opportunities available through the Internet, please will you discuss these rules with your child and sign the agreement together (see "Permission Slips"). It is important that your child's access to the Internet outside school is also carefully supervised and monitored. A useful website to guide you in developing responsible home use of the Internet is the Parent Information Network at www.pin-parents.com

Should you wish to discuss further any aspect of Internet use please make an appointment to see me, Melanie Davy, or Mr Wharton our ICT Co-ordinator.

**** PLEASE KEEP - DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL ****