



# Halfway Nursery Infant School and Children's Centre

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**Caring, Sharing, Learning for Life.**

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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Responsible Use of the Internet

As many parents / carers will already know the school has computers in school which all have access to the Internet. The internet is an essential element in 21<sup>st</sup> century life and as such, it is our aim to educate the children to use this resource safely and effectively to enhance their learning. The use of the internet in school has many educational benefits and can be used to simulate many experiences that could never be replicated within a classroom context e.g. virtual tours of museums, access to experts in many fields and virtual lab experiments.

Mindful of the problems there are with children gaining access to undesirable material whilst on the internet, we have taken steps, along with the Local Authority, to deal with this.

Our school's internet access is provided by Sheffield City Council and has a built in filtering system that restricts access to sites containing inappropriate content. All our computers are in public view and the class teacher or teaching assistant are always present to supervise children whilst on the internet. Also it is our school's policy that children will use child friendly search engines (e.g. Yahoo!igans), which also filter content and in most cases of internet use the children do not browse freely and are provided with the appropriate website which has previously been inspected by their teacher.

No system is perfect, however, and you should be aware that it is not possible to remove entirely the risk of finding unsuitable material. We have been asked by the Local Authority to inform you of the rules which children are expected to follow to help with our precautions. Early indications are that the children benefit enormously from this facility and are using it very responsibly already.

I would like to ask you to look through the attached rules and discuss them with your child and then return the signed 'e-safety rules permission of use' form to the school office. **If the form is not returned to school, your child will not be permitted to use the internet whilst in school.**

If you would like to view our school's full 'Policy for Internet Access', I will be more than willing to forward you a copy by email, or you can pop into Year 2 and speak to me in person to view the document at an appropriate time.

Yours sincerely

Steve Varnam  
Headteacher

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## Copy of e-Safety Rules for Children (Internet and Computer Safety Rules)

### Think then Click

These rules help us to stay safe on the Internet



We only use the internet when an adult is with us.

We can click on the buttons or links when we know what they do.



We can search the Internet with an adult.

We always ask if we get lost on the Internet.



We can send and open emails together.

We can write polite and friendly emails to people that we know (with our teacher's permission).



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## e-Safety Rules

**All pupils use computer facilities including Internet access as an essential part of learning, as required by the National Curriculum. Both pupils and their parents/carers are asked to sign to show that the e-Safety Rules have been understood and agreed.**

### **Pupil's Agreement**

- I have read and I understand the school e-Safety Rules.
- I will use the computer, Internet access and other new technologies in a responsible and sensible way at all times.

**Pupil's Name:**

**Class:**

### **Parent's Consent for Internet Access**

I have read and understood the school e-safety rules and give permission for my son / daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that pupils cannot access inappropriate materials but I appreciate that this is a difficult task.

I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the content of materials accessed through the Internet. I agree that the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the Internet facilities.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Please print name:**

Please complete, sign and return to the school office.