



## **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AGREEMENT FOR PARENTS / CARERS**

Parents / carers play a crucial role in ensuring that their children understand the need to use the internet and mobile devices in an appropriate way. The school will take every opportunity to help parents understand these issues through parents' evenings, newsletters, letters, website and information about national / local online safety campaigns or literature. Parents / carers will be encouraged to support the school in promoting good online safety practice and to follow guidelines on the appropriate use of social media:

### **This Acceptable Use Policy is intended to ensure:**

- that parents and carers are aware of the importance of online safety and are involved in the education and guidance of young people with regard to their on-line behaviour.
- that parents and carers use social media responsibly and appropriately.
- that parents and carers follow the guidelines regarding digital media.

### **Your child – using the internet safely**

- I understand that my child's activity on the systems will be monitored and that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the Acceptable Use Policy.
- I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of the internet and digital technologies at home and will inform the school if I have concerns over my child's online safety.
- I understand that the school has discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my child and that they have received, or will receive, online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.
- I understand that my child will be signed up to use online learning resources.

### **Social media**

Weare Academy Church of England First School has a 'static' Facebook page, which is administered and monitored by a member of staff. The Friends of Weare School (PTA) have their own Facebook page and social media groups. These are administered and monitored by members of the PTA.

Parents / carers are encouraged to comment or post appropriately about the school. In the event of any offensive or inappropriate comments being made, the Headteacher will ask the parent / carer to remove the post and invite them to discuss the issues in person. If necessary the Headteacher will refer parents to the school's Complaints Procedures.

### **Digital media**

The use of digital / video images plays an important part in learning activities. Pupils and members of staff may use digital cameras to record evidence of activities in lessons and out of school. These images may then be used in presentations in subsequent lessons.

Images may also be used to celebrate success through their publication in newsletters, on the school website and occasionally in the public media. Where an image is publically shared by any means, only your child's first name will be used.



The school will comply with the Data Protection Act and request parents / carers permission before taking images of pupils via the Photograph Consent Form. We will also ensure that when images are published that the young people cannot be identified by the use of their names.

In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office, parents / carers are welcome to take videos and digital images of their children at school events for their own personal use (as such use is not covered by the Data Protection Act). To respect everyone's privacy and in some cases protection, these images should not be published / made publicly available on social networking sites, nor should parents / carers comment on any activities involving other pupils in the digital / video images.

I have read and understand the above and agree to use the school digital technology systems (both in and out of school) and my own devices (in school and when carrying out communications related to the school) within these guidelines.

