

BLESSED WILLIAM HOWARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Responsible Internet Use

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of ICT skills, Blessed William Howard Catholic High School is providing supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the use of the World Wide Web and e-mail is worthwhile and is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world. Please would you read the attached 'E-mail and Internet Use Good Practice - Rules for ICT Use' document, and sign and return the consent form so that your child may use the Internet at school.

Although there have been concerns about pupils having access to undesirable materials, we are taking positive steps to deal with this risk in school. Our school Internet provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials. This may not be the case at home and we can provide references to information on safe Internet access if you wish. We also have leaflets from national bodies that explain the issues further.

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

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of Internet use (or to see a lesson in operation) please contact me to arrange an appointment. **Please note that if the consent form is not completed and returned to school then your son/daughter will NOT be able to access the Internet.**

Yours faithfully,

P Smith
Headteacher



*"Your education is your life; guard it well."
(Proverbs 4:13)*