

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENT FOR Y4, 5 & 6

As part of our home learning plans and review of our 'live' COVID-19 risk assessment we have updated our online safety agreements to include reference to use of the internet during home learning. This will be fully discussed at school and the children will be asked to sign the agreement. We have attached a copy for your information and ask that you read through it with your child.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that as part of your child's curriculum and the development of computing skills, our Academy provides supervised access to the internet. We believe that the use of the internet and email is an essential skill for children as they grow up in the modern world. However, it is also essential that children do this in a responsible and safe way.

Although there are concerns in every school about children having access to inappropriate material via the internet, our Academy takes a range of measures to minimise these risks. We have a monitoring system in place which allows members of staff to check the material being searched for on the internet. We also have strict filtering in place to restrict the material which can be searched for by children.

In addition to this, children are educated on the safe and responsible use of the internet following 3 simple steps *'Zip it, Flag it, Block it!'*

Zip it - Keep your personal information private and think about what you say and do online.

Flag it - Tell someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline. Think about your safe hands.

Block it - Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.

We are also part of 'National Online Safety' as we believe in taking a whole school community approach to keeping our children safe online. This includes an interactive workshop for parents and carers. More details about this will be available on our website later this term.

Don't forget you can also find our policy for Parental Use of Social Networking and Internet Sites and our E-safety policy on the school website.

By working together we hope that we can educate children in how to stay safe when using the internet. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School