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Dear Parents,


### **Responsible Internet Use**

As part of the School's commitment to maximize the learning potential of all students, we provide permanent free access to the Internet. However, it is important that all the users of the Internet are aware of, and follow, a sensible code of practice. I would therefore be grateful if you would read the attached rules for responsible Internet use, and sign and return the consent form so that your son may use/continue to use/ the Internet at school.

Whilst every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed to limit the possibilities of our students accessing inappropriate materials through a filtered service and supervised access, 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, please telephone the school to make an appointment to see Mr Bilclough, our Network Manager.

Yours sincerely,



K A Moffat

Head of School



Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys

RESPONSIBLE INTERNET USE

**Rules for Students**

The school computer system provides Internet access to students and staff. This Responsible Internet Use statement will help protect students, staff and the school by clearly stating what is acceptable and what is not.

- Users must access the Internet only via the user’s authorized account and password, which must not be given to any other person.
- School computer and Internet use must be appropriate to the student’s educational programme of study.
- Copyright and intellectual property rights must be respected.
- Users are responsible for the e-mails they send and for contacts made.
- E-mails should be written carefully and politely. As messages may be forwarded, e-mail is best regarded as public property.
- Anonymous messages and chain letters must not be sent.
- The use of public chat rooms is not allowed.
- The school ICT system may not be used for private purposes, unless appropriate authorization has been given.
- Use for personal financial gain, gambling, advertising or any activity which the School deems offensive is forbidden.
- The security for ICT systems must not be compromised.

The school will exercise its right by electronic means to monitor the use of the school’s computer systems, including the monitoring of websites, the interception of e-mails and the detection of inappropriate materials in circumstances where it is believed unauthorized use of the school’s computer system is or may be taking place, or the system is or may be being used for criminal purposes or for storing text or imagery which is unauthorised or unlawful.

Those responsible for the unauthorized use of the school’s computers will be subject to the full disciplinary sanctions available to the Head Teacher and Governors, up to and including fixed-term or permanent exclusion.

**Student’s agreement**

I have read and understand the school rules for responsible Internet use. I undertake to use the school’s computer system and the Internet in a responsible way and as stated in this document.

Signed ..... Name (please print).....

**Parental Consent for Internet Access**

I have read and understood the school rules for responsible Internet use and give permission for my son to access the Internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure students cannot access inappropriate materials. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or 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..... Dated.....