Parent Acceptable Use Policy

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Tonacliffe Primary School to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to outline the expected standards when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school). Your child has also signed an AUP which has also been sent home.

We tell your children that **they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network.** What we tell pupils about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community, whether they are at home or school:

"Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face."

Where can I find out more?

You can read our full Online Safety Policy on our school website for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies (e.g. Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour Policy, etc).

If you have any questions about this AUP or our approach to online safety, please speak to Mrs Heap (Headteacher) or Miss Noble (Online Safety Lead).

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Tonacliffe Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.

2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials. This includes having behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering. However, the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content

of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies, which can sometimes be upsetting.

3. School network protections will be superior to most home filtering. However, please note that accessing the internet always involves an element of risk and the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies. Schools are asked not to overblock or provide an experience which is so locked down as to block educational content or not train pupils for life in an online world.

4. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school may be subject to filtering and monitoring. These should be used in the same manner as when in school, including during any remote learning periods.

5. I will support my child to follow the school's policy regarding bringing devices to school. Please see the Personal Electronics Policy.

6. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.

7. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.

8. When I visit the school premises, I will keep any online technology in my pocket wherever possible.

9. I will follow the school's online safety policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will not share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous.

10. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, they will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to the school website for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc...

11. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK. There are also

child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content.

12. I understand that if my child is in KS2, they may use Microsoft Teams for their homework. I will ensure I monitor my child when using this platform to ensure they are behaving as expected.

13. I can find out more about online safety at Tonacliffe Primary School by reading the full Online Safety Policy on the school website and can talk to Mrs Heap (Headteacher) or Miss Noble (Online Safety Lead) if I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.

14. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which they have signed, and I understand that they will be subject to sanctions if they do not follow these rules.

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I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.

Signature/s: _____

Name/s of parent / guardian: _____

Parent / guardian of: _____

Date: _____