Sunrise Multicultural Project

Guidance for Parents - Children's Internet Access and Use Policy

All Parents should make every effort to keep children safe while using the internet at home. The following is for guidance, if parents need specific help or advice please contact Maria on 07470 720773 or Assia on 07760 308093.

Control and Monitoring

Computers used for internet access by children should be fitted with:

- Net nanny or parental consent control equivalent to block unsuitable sites
- Norton or equivalent anti-virus software to block viruses.
- Children's activities should be monitored

Monitoring process

1. Children should only be allowed access to the internet within a supervised and observed environment.

2. Parents should ensure they discuss personal safety issues with young people on a regular basis

3. Parents should be responsible for supervising internet access at any given time during that session.

Acceptable use and legal issues

Internet facilities enable young people to handle a very wide range of information, including personal data, linking to a large numbers of computers and individuals around the world. It is important that children are made aware of and conform to legal requirements.

Laws applying to the internet include:

- The Copyright Act
- Data Protection

Rules for use of the internet for parents and children to discuss and agree

- I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' telephone number without my parents' permission.
- I will tell my parents right away if I come across something that makes me feel uncomfortable.

- I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring a parent along.

- I will talk with my parents about posting pictures of myself or others online and not post any pictures that my parents consider to be inappropriate.

- I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away.

- I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online and using a mobile phone. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

- I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything.

- I will not give out my passwords to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.

I agree to the above:

Parents signature……………………………………………………………….Date………………………

Child signature …………………………………………………………………..Date…………………….