HUNTERS HILL TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

A High Performing Specialist School

PUPIL AGREEMENT – Internet Rules

This Agreement covers the expectations we have of pupils when using the Internet in School. These expectations are intended to ensure the safety of all pupils when online and pupils will not be given access to the Internet unless they have signed an Agreement, a copy of these Rules has been provided to all parents/carers. Pupils choosing not to comply with these expectations risk losing access to Internet resources.

1. We expect all pupils to be responsible for their own behaviour when using the Internet, just as they are elsewhere in School. This includes the materials that they choose to access and the language they use.

2. Birmingham Local Authority has installed forensic software on all School computers; this software records the detail of every website accessed and sits alongside powerful filtering and firewalls that work to block offensive materials. Social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace as well as commonly used websites such as YouTube are blocked on the School's network. Pupils using the Internet are expected not to deliberately seek out any of these sites or any inappropriate or offensive material. Should any pupil encounter any such material accidentally, they are expected to report it immediately to a member of staff.

3. On rare occasions, despite the security measures and regular monitoring the School has in place, some pupils attempt to hack into the School system. This behaviour is treated very seriously and access to the Internet will be revoked for the pupil(s) involved and could lead to exclusion.

4. Pupils are expected not to use any offensive language in their electronic communications and to contact only people they know, or those a member of staff has approved. It is forbidden for any pupil to be involved in Cyber-bullying. Such behaviour falls outside the School's Code of Conduct and will be treated seriously.

5. Pupils must ask permission before accessing the Internet. Pupils should not access other people's files unless permission has been given. Under no circumstances should a pupil disclose their password to anyone.

6. No personal information such as names, telephone numbers, addresses, passwords, photos or the school name should be shared online and under no circumstances should arrangements to meet someone be made unless this is part of an approved School project.

7. Computers should only be used for schoolwork and homework unless permission has been granted otherwise.

8. No program files may be downloaded from the Internet.

9. No programs on disc or CD Rom should be brought in from home for use in School.

10. No USB's/flash drives or any other external devices may be brought in from home and used on the School's computer system due to the high risk of viruses.

11. Personal printing is not allowed on the network without permission, and a charge may be made.