

# Banks Lane Infant School Guidelines for Parents

## Computer and Personal Internet Security

### Guidelines for Parents

Although our children are young they are entering school more ICT literate. To protect them from the Internet and bulletin boards which contain explicit and unsuitable material Parents need to find out how control systems can be applied and form their own household rules.

- Keep the computer in a family room rather than a child's bedroom
- Stay in touch with what your children are doing by spending time with them whilst they are on-line
- Make on-line a family activity
- Make sure you know the services your child uses.
- Make on-line activities fun, talk about the tasks and investigate further opportunities that would interest you child
- Learn yourself about how to access the services, even asks your child to explain the services to you.
- Be aware of school ICT activities and the school internet rules
- Go on-line yourself so that you are familiar with and understand the potential benefits and risks
- Should you become aware of the presence of child pornography on-line report this immediately to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children on 0800 800 500
- Post your '*Family Internet Rules*' near the computer as a constant reminder

### Family Internet Rules

1. Always keep to the agreed times of the day to be on-line and the length of time to be on-line
2. Agree sites and areas that can be visited
3. Never give any passwords to anyone outside the family – even friends.
4. Never give any personal information during a session.
5. Only visit 'chat' sessions when parents are working alongside children
6. Always tell a Parent about any threatening or bad language used