



Mount Vernon Academy

Responsible Internet Use

Dear Parents

As part of your student's curriculum and the development of ICT (Internet Communication Technologies) skills, Mount Vernon Academy is providing supervised access to the Internet. We believe that the effective use of the World Wide Web and e-mail is worthwhile and is an essential skill for students as they grow up in the modern world.

Mount Vernon Academy has taken positive steps to reduce the risk of accessing undesirable materials in school. MVA's Internet provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials. In addition to the outside filtering system, we have programs installed on campus that limit student activity.

While every endeavour is made to ensure that suitable restrictions are placed on the ability of students to access inappropriate materials, Mount Vernon Academy 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 set up an appointment to talk with me.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. Aaron Myers
Computer Teacher



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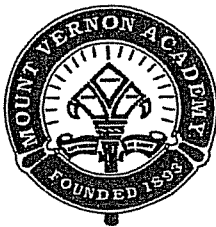
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Rules for Staff and Students

The computer system is owned by the school. This Responsible Internet Use statement helps to protect students, staff and the school by clearly stating what use of the computer resources is acceptable and what is not. Please read student handbook for any and all other inquiries.

- Irresponsible use may result in the loss of Internet access.
- Network access must be made 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 education or to staff professional activity.
- Copyright and intellectual property rights must be respected.
- E-mail should be written carefully and politely, particularly as messages may be forwarded or printed and be seen by unexpected readers.
- Users are responsible for e-mail they send and for contacts made.
- Anonymous messages and chain letters are not permitted.
- The use of chat rooms is not allowed.
- The school ICT systems may not be used for private purposes, unless the principal has given permission for that use.
- Use for personal financial gain, gambling, political purposes or advertising is not permitted.
- ICT system security must be respected; it is a criminal offence to use a computer for a purpose not permitted by the system owner.
- I understand that the school may check my computer files and the Internet sites I visit.
- I understand that if I deliberately break these rules, I may not be allowed to use the Internet or computers.

The school may exercise its right to monitor the use of the school's computer systems, including access to web-sites, the interception of e-mail and the deletion of inappropriate materials where it believes unauthorised 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 unauthorised or unlawful text, imagery or sound.



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Please complete, sign and return to the school computer lab.

Please print pupil's name:

Pupil's Agreement

I have read and I understand the school Rules for Responsible Internet Use. I will use the computer system and Internet in a responsible way and obey these rules at all times.

Signed:

Date:

Parent's Consent for Internet Access

I have read and understood the school rules for responsible Internet use and give permission for my son / daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure pupils 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:

Date:

Please print name:

Parent's Consent for Publication of Work and Photographs

I agree that, if selected, my son/daughter's work may be used in any school publication. I also agree that photographs that include my son/daughter may be published subject to the school rules.

Signed:

Date: