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DORNOCH YOUTH CAFE

COMPUTER INTERNET ACCESS AND E-SAFETY

Thanks to the assistance of the Highland Council Ward discretionary fund, the Dornoch Youth Café has recently acquired some new computers capable of Internet access via the Social Club Broadband connection.

These computers will be running parental control software which protects youngsters from unsuitable content and will be under the supervision of the Youth Café session workers.

The exchange of ideas, social interaction and learning opportunities involved are very beneficial for young people but need to be controlled. Before being allowed to use the computers all children must obtain parental permission and accept the rules for responsible usage.

To ensure appropriate, effective and safe use of the internet would you kindly go over the rules below with your child and then **sign and return one copy** to Amy Allan at the next Youth Café session in Dornoch Social Club on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm. The other copy is for you to keep.

Please understand that any abuse of the rules will result in the withdrawal of the privilege of using the computers.

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Dornoch Youth Cafe - acceptable internet use for:

Name(Please print your name) …………………

Date... ......

When I am using the computer or other technologies, I want to feel safe all the time.   I agree that I will:

- always keep my passwords a secret
- only visit sites which are appropriate
- tell a responsible adult straight away if anything makes me feel scared or uncomfortable online
- make sure all messages I send are respectful
- show a responsible adult if I get a nasty message or get sent anything that makes me feel uncomfortable
- not reply to any nasty message or anything which makes me feel uncomfortable
- not give my mobile phone number to anyone who is not a friend
- only email people I know
- talk to a responsible adult before joining chat rooms or networking sites
- always keep my personal details private. (My name, family information, journey to school, my pets and hobbies are all examples of personal details)
- always check with a responsible adult and my parents before I show photographs of myself
- never meet an online friend without taking a responsible adult that I know with me
- I know that once I post a message or an item on the internet then it is completely out of my control.
- I know that anything I write or say or any website that I visit may be being viewed by a responsible adult

The following points must apply to all users.

- All members must respect and adhere to leaders instructions
- Users must respect other computer users and the people around them
- I will not bring floppy disks, CDs, DVDs or memory keys without permission
- I will ask permission before printing or downloading files.
- I will not believe everything I read on the Internet. I will check the source of the information.
- I will tell a leader if I see anything I am unhappy with or if I receive a message I do not like, to protect other pupils and myself.

Signed by Child ....

I consent to my child/ward using the computers provided Dornoch Youth Cafe.

Signed by Parent/Guardian

Safe Search Engines for Children:

Ask Jeeves for Kids	www.askkids.com/
Yahooligans	http://kids.yahoo.com/

More safety information can be found at https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/