Parents Notice Board

Re: Parental Consent for Your Child to Access Google Services in School

We are writing to inform you of some changes introduced by Google which affect how children and young people access certain Google services through their school accounts.

Google has recently introduced a requirement for schools to obtain parental or guardian consent before students under the age of 18 can access certain additional Google services through their school Google accounts.

These services include:

- **YouTube**
- **Google Earth**
- **Applied Digital Skills**
- **Other additional Google services that may be used to support teaching and learning.**

Why is consent needed?

We use Google services as part of our teaching and learning provision. These resources can provide valuable opportunities for students to develop their digital skills, access educational content, undertake research and support their learning across different subjects.

For example, students may use YouTube to watch educational videos, Google Earth to explore geography and the wider world, and Applied Digital Skills to develop their IT and computing skills.

These resources are used to enhance learning and are accessed in accordance with school expectations, safeguarding procedures and our acceptable use policies.

What happens if I do not give consent?

If parental consent is not provided, Google will restrict your child's access to the additional services covered by this requirement when using their school account.

This may mean that some online educational resources cannot be accessed as part of classroom activities.

What do parents need to do?

Please complete the consent form sent via email to confirm whether you give permission for your child to access these additional Google services through their school account.

Google requires schools to periodically reconfirm that appropriate parental consent remains in place. We will therefore seek confirmation at the beginning of each academic year.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.