

## **KHPS policy for pupil use of tablet internet browsers and ebook readers**

### **Rationale**

The School wishes to embrace modern technology and is willing to allow pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 to bring in their own ebook readers. However, the use of ebook readers/tablets should be strictly monitored so that children do not have access to unsuitable material nor use their tablets for activities prohibited by the School. Children must learn to use ICT with discretion and care.

### **Usage in school by pupils**

Pupils with ebook readers, such as Kindles, may use these in lessons for reading or they may be used for reading in the Library. They may **not** be used for playing games at any point in school, including aftercare, nor used outside classrooms. No child should use an ebook reader other than under the supervision of a member of staff. No child may use their ebook or tablet to access the internet without permission or to communicate with another child or person.

No pupils may bring an ebook reader into school unless their parents have completed and signed a permission form on their behalf. The form and ebook reader should be taken to Mrs Higginson for inspection prior to the child's name being recorded and parental permission filed.

The School reserves the right to look at any applications or files on the 'reader' to ascertain that there is no unsuitable material loaded. Staff will confiscate any tablet which is found to contain unsuitable material and return the device to the child's parents.

### **Parents' Responsibility**

Parents are advised to periodically check the contents of their child's reader or tablet to ensure that it complies with school policy. Any accounts used to purchase applications and downloads need to be carefully monitored; the School advises that parents do not share accounts with their children (unless accounts have parental controls on them) so that the content of adults' reading material may not be viewed by children. Ebook readers/tablets should have pupils' names on them.

### **The School's Responsibility**

Staff at the School will periodically check ebook readers and tablets to ensure that no unsuitable material is accessible to the child and staff. Pupils may store their ebook readers in the School office for safekeeping. However, the school cannot accept any responsibility for breakage or loss of these devices.

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**Parental Permission Form for Ebook Reader to be brought into School**

Name of pupil.....

Name of device.....

Date.....

I am happy for my child to bring his/her ebook reader into school. I have checked the device to ensure that it contains no unsuitable material. I understand that the School cannot accept any responsibility for damage or loss of this device.

Signed..... (Parent or Guardian)

*This form, together with ebook reader must be taken to Mrs Higginson for approval.*

Reader checked and approved ..... Date .....

Mrs H Higginson