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Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

At Wordsworth the safety and wellbeing of the children in our care is our highest priority. This includes their use of technology and the Internet.

In support of these efforts, we are proud to announce that we have revised our policy to meet the standards of the Children's Internet Protection Act, or CIPA. CIPA is a Federal Law passed by the United States Congress in 2000 that is designed to limit children's exposure to inappropriate content online and educate students on the safe use of the Internet.

While Wordsworth's own internal measures have been effectively meeting these standards for many years, compliance with CIPA aligns us with standards across the country. We have enclosed a copy of the policy for your review.

In complying with CIPA, Wordsworth:

- Provides web content filtering equipment on site that limits what sites can be accessed
- Monitors usage so that if there is any suspicious activity, we can address it right away
- Trains our professionals on safe use of technology and the Internet in order to help them monitor students
- Educates our students several times a year on internet safety, safe use of social networks, cyber bullying and avoiding inappropriate material

Additionally, we have two safety fairs each year where the IT Department provides presentations and handouts for the students supporting what they have learned and gives them the opportunity to ask questions about these topics.

Wordsworth is committed to providing the safest experience for our students as possible and we are confident that these measures will help to meet that goal.

Thank you,

Richard Eberharter – Director of InformationTechnology

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