

Place on school letterhead

Dear Parent/Guardian --

An important part of our class work this year will involve using Internet-based tools to create and share our learning -- to continue building a lifelong digital portfolio. Many tools may require your child to create a personal account, using his/her School District provisioned email account (doe.j@surreyschools.ca). Please note that your child will use Internet-based tools for both classroom activities and homework assignments, and will continue to hold accounts after our coursework is completed.

Your written consent to your child's use of Internet-based tools is required by British Columbia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*.

If you choose not to provide your consent to your child's use of Internet-based tools, your child will not be penalized in any way and alternate activities will be provided, as appropriate.

It is important to be aware that the majority of the Internet-based tools noted below are online services hosted outside of British Columbia and possibly Canada. While stored outside the country, information in your child's accounts may be subject to the laws of foreign jurisdictions, including, in the United States, the USA Patriot Act.

As a general safe practice, when interacting with any online service, students should take care and avoid posting personal information or personal location that could be used to identify themselves or other persons.

To explain and document their learning, students may be using *Surreyschools.ca*, *Prezi*, *Showme*, *Kidsblog*, *Edublog*, *Voicethread*, *Wordpress*, and *Flickr*. (If a teacher plans to use other Web 2.0 tools, they should add to this generic list).

To communicate with other learners, students may be using *Surreyschools.ca*, *Twitter*, *Wordpress*, *Kidsblog*, *Blogger*, *Skype*, or *wikispaces*.

To store and manage assignments and other information, students may be using *Surreyschools.ca*, *Dropbox*, *Youtube*, *Evernote*, or *Google Drive*.

Kindly return a copy of this letter to [Teacher's name] _____
signed and dated before [date]_____. If you have any questions or concerns,
please feel free to contact me at [school email address] or at school [school phone number]
_____.

Consent: I understand that the information my child may create and store could be stored in or accessed from a location outside of Canada, and I hereby consent, on behalf of me and my child, to my child's information identified above being stored in, or accessed from, a location outside of Canada.

This permission to use the tools indicated above is granted for the duration of my child's time in the Surrey School District.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Student (if over 13)

Print Name

Print Student Name and Grade

Date

Date

Print School Name

Print Teacher's Name