Parental Guidance for using DB Primary in the home

Your child will have a DB Primary log in and password so that they can access the learning platform and their own working space from home. Their DB Primary account gives them e-mail, webspace, a homepage and a calendar. DB Primary offers a useful communication device between school and home. As it is a school-based resource and accessed through the internet, here is some guidance for working with it.

1. Please reinforce the **Children's Guidelines** with your child at home (see below).

2. DB Primary does not filter the internet, so you need to have your own internet firewall and parental controls set up.

3. If your child finds any inappropriate material on the learning platform please inform the school immediately or use the Whistle Monitor feature (details below).

4. Anything your child puts onto DB Primary can be seen by members of staff.

Useful resources for parents
BBC Chat Guide - www.bbc.co.uk/onlinesafety- A guide to using chat rooms for all the family
Childnet International - www.childnet-int.org - Key safety issues and how to stay one step ahead
Kidsmart - www.kidsmart.org.uk - A good site for families with some interactive games

Whistle Monitor: reporting inappropriate content

If a child or parent finds any content they believe is inappropriate, they can report this to a nominated "Whistle Monitor" at the school by clicking on the whistle icon.
This will email the details to the nominated member or members of staff. The email will contain a link and brief description of the offending page.

Creating children's guidelines

It could be a good idea to discuss with the children a set of rules for using the learning platform to let children know what acceptable use is. Topics worth discussing include how personal information may be revealed or what constitutes unacceptable language or behaviour used within a forum.

Here is a list of possible rules from Oak View Primary and Nursery School. They may change depending on the school/year group they are for.

- Think before you post – will your writing offend anyone or hurt their feelings?

- No pointless or silly group emails to be sent – these are spam.

- Make sure that any pictures you upload (profile picture, or pictures in posts) are suitable for a school audience.

- Do not share personal details that will stop you being safe (address, phone numbers, passwords).

- Any links that are shared must be suitable for all children.

- Check copyrights before uploading.

- If you are unsure, then don't upload!

- Report any misuse or cyber-bullying to Mrs Davis or Mrs Kelly.

- We do not use text or MSN style writing.

- Do express your opinions in forums.

- Do email your friends outside school time.

- Do email your teacher with questions about school and work.

- Do share links to cool sites by posting them in your blog / forums.