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ONLINE SERVICES CONSENT FORM

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are some online services or sites that students may access at Heany Park Primary School. These are sites or apps that include usernames and passwords and collect data. Unlike Office 365, some sites that we use have data that is not stored in Australia. For example, Reading Eggs data is stored in US.

As the school is an accredited eSmart school, it is important to us that parents be aware that some sections of these online sites are not considered 'secure'. Anytime a web page asks you for sensitive information, you need to be able to identify if the page is secure or not.

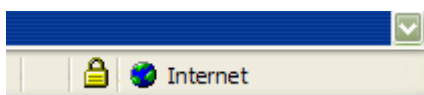
Anytime you view a web site, information is sent from your computer to the web server and from the web server to your computer. The transmission of this information is normally sent in "plain text", meaning anyone would be able to read it should they see it. Each piece of information transmitted traverses many computers (servers) to reach its destination.

The solution to this problem is to encrypt this data prior to its transmission via the internet. Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) was created for this very purpose. A web page with an active SSL session is what we mean when we say a web page is 'secure'.

Web pages asking for sensitive information should be secured using SSL. There are two general indications of a secured web page:

1) Check the web page URL: Normally, when browsing the web, the URLs (web page addresses) begin with the letters "http". However, over a secure connection the address displayed should begin with "https" - note the "s" at the end.

2) Check for the "Lock" icon: There is a de facto standard among web browsers to display a "lock" icon somewhere in the window of the browser (NOT in the web page display area!) For example, Microsoft Internet Explorer displays the lock icon in the lower-right of the browser window:



Some sections of sites that we use at school are unsecured, however, the log in page is secure. As students are not submitting sensitive information in these sections, we believe this does not pose a threat to the cyber safety of our students.

At Heany Park Primary School we will be using online services such as the free Study Ladder site and Reading Eggs. In the future, we may use other sites to support our literacy and numeracy programs both at home and at school.

Study Ladder offers a number of online interactive games and activities that connect to the current Australian Curriculum. As classroom teachers, we are able to see the tasks that the students complete, when they complete them and their competency in the particular area of study. Their results and progress can be tracked over the year and individual tasks maybe assigned to assist in any areas where students are having difficulty. This site can be accessed at home to practice tasks set at school. There is an option for parents to choose an alternative username if required.

If you have any questions, please contact your classroom teacher or visit the site at:

<http://www.studyladder.com.au/teacher/new-year>

Your child's school has registered with **ABC Reading Eggs** and **ABC Reading Eggspress**, the online program designed to motivate and excite your child about reading. This means your child can now use these programs at home and practice what they have learned in class, and you will be able to view their progress. The programs can be accessed at www.readingeggs.com.au or from an installed free app on any mobile device.

As the programs require students to have an individual account, we are seeking your permission to sign them up so they may receive their individual username and password. Your child's first name and school appears by default in the program and data and the school name cannot be removed. If you are concerned about their name appearing, please note this on the consent form and you can offer an alternate name.

Any further questions or if you require assistance at any time, please contact the customer service team at info@readingeggs.com or call 0285854020. Their privacy policy is available at <http://www.3plearning.com/privacy-policy/>

Once permission to use **Reading Eggs** has been obtained from you, the log in details and instructions for a parent access account will be sent home.

In the future, other online services may be introduced. This Online Services Consent Form notices allows access for your child for all services we use and be assured that your child is cyber safe and their privacy ensured. All log in details for online services will be sent home once permission has been acquired and it will last for your child's enrolment period at Heany Park Primary School. This consent can be withdrawn by you by request at any time.

Please return the attached consent form as soon as possible. If no permission form is received it will be assumed that your child does not have permission to use these online services.

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I give permission for my **child** of **Grade** _____ to be assigned online services accounts, using their first name and one initial from their surname if needed (see note below). I understand that the school name appears and cannot be removed.

Parent's Name: **Date:**

Parent's Signature:

Contact Number:

Please note:

If you wish your child to use the web site or an app with a name or username that cannot identify them, please suggest a name below:

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By **signing and returning** this form you confirm that:

- You understand how your child's personal information will be collected, used, disclosed and managed
- You understand that some data will be stored off shore
- You understand that this consent will continue while your child is enrolled at the school
- You understand that this consent on behalf of your child may be withdrawn at any time upon your request
- You understand that if the school determines that the personal information is no longer required or relevant, the use of the personal information will cease