Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing:

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the Banyan Schools.

We believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers and millions of individual subscribers.

With this comprehensive access also comes the availability of materials that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Banyan Schools have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We(Banyan Schools) firmly believe that the valuable information and interactions available on the worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure materials that are not consistent with the educational goals of the School. We recognize that for certain courses or projects restricting access may impede the attainment of objectives. Staff members may request that any restrictions be lifted for such cases: these requests will be considered individually by school administration. (School administration is defined as the Director, Principal and Head Teacher)

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the networks relies upon the proper conduct of the end users that must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Banyan School user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. Violation of these regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who have signed have read the terms carefully and understand their significance. Banyan Elementary School uses Google Workspace for Education and this form provides consent for your child to use Google services as well. Full information can be found here.

Internet – Terms and Conditions of Use

1. *Acceptable Use* – The purpose of NSFNET, which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objectives of the Banyan Schools. Use of the other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state

regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted materials, threatening or obscene materials protected by trade secrets.

2. *Privileges* – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. (Each student or teacher who receives an account will be part of a discussion with the Banyan Schools staff members pertaining to the proper use of the network.) The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of the Banyan Schools may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts. (System administrator is defined as the IT Coordinator and the technology teacher.)

3. *Network Etiquette* – You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

These include (but are not limited to) the following:

a. Be polite
b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
c. Personal address or phone numbers should never be revealed.
d. Note the electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activity may be reported to the authorities.
e. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
f. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be the property of the Banyan Schools.
g. Teachers shall not communicate with students through social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Students may communicate with staff through an approved Google account through our IT coordinator.

4. The Banyan Schools make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Banyan Schools will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions, etc. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Banyan Schools specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

5. *Security* – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. You should never give your account information to

another user. If you think you have identified a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to log on to the Internet, as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

6. *Vandalism* – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

AGREEMENT TO INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Student Name: _____

We (Parent/ Guardian and Student) have read the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement and Google Workspace for Education Consent Form. We understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Banyan Grgo gpwct{ School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, we recognize it is impossible for Banyan Grgo gpwct{ School to restrict access to all controversial materials; and we will not hold Banyan Grgo gpwct{ School responsible for material acquired on the network. If and when the Internet is accessed in a non-school setting, we (Parent/ Guardian and student) accept full responsibility.

☐   I permit my student to access the internet at school.

☐   I do NOT permit my student to access the internet at school.

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)   Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date