Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Room \_\_\_ this year I am introducing a homework program which involves students writing a blog. A blog is an online forum discussion where individuals can record a summary of an event (usually on a particular subject). The website I will be using to administer the class blog is called Kid Blog. Kid blog is not an open blog. It is only for our class. Only members of Room 10 will be able to view the blogs written by other students in Room \_\_\_.

Students will be required to write a blog once a fortnight on a topic given to them in class. Students will then be required to provide positive and constructive comments and feedback on the blogs of other students within Room \_\_\_. I believe that the inclusion of the class blog will provide students with an opportunity to engage with technology in education and will also assist the development of essential skills, required to actively participate in today’s society.

The topics for the class blogs will be chosen from different events that the class may participate in. This may include excursions, assembly items, class activities, books read in class or may even be about current events. If internet access is unavailable or you do not wish for your child to participate in the class blog, your child will be required to handwrite their blog and submit this to me on the due date.

If you would like to take a look at kid blog, the webpage is <http://kidblog.org/home/> and the URL for our class blog is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If you have any questions or queries regarding this, I will be more than happy to answer them.

It is of utmost importance that students are responsible when using the class blog and it is to be used for the purposes stated above only. If you could sign the permission slip below and return it to school with your child next week it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Julia Macaskill

Classroom Teacher

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**Kid blog Permission Slip**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ permission to use kid blog as a teaching and learning tool for the year \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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