Telescope User Safety Form

Safety Rules

• Always work in pairs. If you have an accident at night on your own, there will be no-one to get help.
• Don’t get locked out on the roof! Make sure you take the roof door key with you.
• If you have a mobile phone keep it with you. Also take a torch with you.
• Remember to set the sign on the door to show that you are working in the dome. This is important for fire safety.
• Do not go onto the roof beyond the railed area and the path to the railed area.
• Be careful when climbing the short ladder to the raised area of the roof.
• If you see an intruder in the building DO NOT confront them – phone security on 9518888.
• Never point the telescope anywhere near the sun. The focused infrared radiation from the sun will damage the telescope in a fraction of a second, and could cause irreversible damage to your eyesight.
• Be careful moving around in the dome. There are plenty of cables and things to trip over, which is especially easy to do in the dark.
• Read and understand the School emergency procedures.

Telescope Usage

• Only people who have attended a telescope safety briefing and signed the safety form are allowed to use the telescope.
• Be aware whenever the telescope is moving to a new target, to ensure it does not collide with anything (including its own mount) or snag any cables. Pressing any arrow key on the handset will immediately stop the telescope.
• Try to keep dust and damp off the telescope. Open the dome before you take the covers off the lenses, and put them back on before you close the dome.
• Don’t leave to dome open if it is likely to rain.
• The dome leaks, so make sure the covers are left on the telescope.
• Take care of the roof door and dome keys. Return them to the key safe when you have finished observing.
• Make sure the building is locked and the alarm is set when leaving out of normal hours.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the safety and usage guidelines above, received a copy of the school emergency procedures and attended a telescope safety briefing.

Signed: ................................................

Name: .................................................... Date: ..........................................................

Username: ............................................... Trainer: .....................................................