

Cyber-Safe Agreement

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Having access to technology is a wonderful thing and being online is part of that. However, in today's world it is critical that children are supported to be kept safe online, particularly when using social media, and a recent survey conducted by the NSPCC has highlighted the dangers of them accessing sites such as Facebook, Instagram or SnapChat. Unfortunately social networks have become a gateway for child abuse and parents and carers must be vigilant with regard to what sites their child is accessing and the persons that they are in contact with. We hope that by following this agreement all children will be able to have fun and stay safe whenever they use technology. Please read through this with your child and make sure you understand what the agreement is all about, before it is signed.

As a child when using the internet, I will adhere to the following rules

1. I will be a good communicator

By using good manners at all times and never being rude or nasty to others in my emails, texts and online conversations.

2. I will only accept good communication

By expecting good manners from people who email, text or have online conversations with me. If anyone says or does anything which upsets me I will keep the message and show it to a trusted adult, my parent, carer or teacher.

3. I will be careful who I have as an online friend

I will only accept requests from people I know to be my online friends. I will keep my online profile private in order that people whom I do not know, are unable to contact me. I will however always share my log-in and password details with my parent/carers.

4. I will be careful what I share

By keeping my personal information private, I will never share my own, or anyone else's full name, address, passwords, school name, email address, current location or phone numbers with anyone online. I will not share any photographs of myself or my friends.

5. I will be careful who I meet

I won't meet up with anyone I talk to online, without my parent/carers consent and that they come with me on any meetings.

6. I will respond to my feelings

I will tell a trusted adult if anything I see or hear online makes me feel sad, scared or confused

7. I will make sensible choices wherever I am working/playing online

At school and at home I will only access sites and games that are meant for people my age and respect the fact that some websites have age restrictions for specific reasons and purposes.

I agree to follow the Cyber Safe Agreement

I agree to support _____
(young person) to follow the Cyber Safe Agreement

Signature of young person _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Carer _____

Date: _____