



Online Safety Agreement - KS2

Our school rules for internet and phone use - these rules will keep everyone safe and help us to be kind to others:

FOR PUPILS:

- I will only communicate with people I know and trust when I am on my phone or online
- My parents and carers will decide on an agreed amount of screen time for me
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet, including social media platforms, games and apps. This includes the resources I access and the language I use
- The messages I send and comments I post will be polite, friendly and positive - I will remember what we have learnt about respect for other people and their feelings
- I will not share or forward material or messages that could be considered unkind, threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal
- I will think for myself before I share anything online
- I will report to a safe adult or CEOP any unpleasant material or messages sent to me or others
- I know that I should not delete any messages or images that may be needed as evidence - I can screenshot anything I need to keep and show to an adult
- I will not deliberately look for, download or upload material that could be considered offensive or illegal - if I accidentally come across any such material, I will report it immediately to a safe adult
- I will only access content that is appropriate for my age
- I will immediately close/minimise any page I am uncomfortable with and then tell a safe adult
- I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number or address
- I will not share my passwords with anyone
- I will not upload or share images or videos of other people without their permission
- I will never arrange to meet anyone that I have met online
- I will only access, edit or delete my own work files when I am working at school
- I will not attempt to download or install anything without permission
- I will be aware that I need to ask my parents/carers when payment is required for something
- I understand that the school and my parents/carers will monitor my computer files, emails, phone, websites and apps that I have used

FOR PARENTS/CARERS:

In giving a child a smartphone, tablet or computer with no restrictions or monitoring, you are saying:

"...Off you go; you can go wherever you like, with whomever ever you like, wear as little as you like and be out as long as you like. And you don't need to tell me where you have been, who you have been with, or what you have been doing."

If you chose not to monitor your child's use of social media and the internet, you are providing all the freedoms described above.

We therefore urge you to consider whether you are doing all you can to protect your child from engaging with inappropriate content. It is important to highlight that, in most cases, you, as parents,



are the ones paying for internet or phone contracts. Ultimately, therefore, the device is in your name and, crucially, its user history is traceable and accountable to you.

We would politely remind you that the majority of social media platforms require a minimum user age of 13 years (WhatsApp is 16 years of age). If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and has access to WhatsApp, they will have had to lie about their age, which is a violation of the user agreement each platform requires. Whilst there is no enforceable legal consequence in doing this, there is a reason age limits are set.

Whilst joining social media is theoretically free, data collection is taking place - which in turn is sold to data brokers, who then target specific and personal advertising to the user.

This content will therefore be tailored for an older user. As a result, the content may not be appropriate for your child.

Best Practice guidelines for primary school age children:

- Your child must provide you with access to all passwords on all digital devices used in the home
- Digital devices should be left downstairs in a centralised area of the house at bedtime - if your child claims the need to have the telephone as an alarm, buy them an alarm clock
- Devices are used only in public areas of your house - no devices in bedrooms
- Insist on house rules being acknowledged by guests, as well as by your own children
- Check social media/photo reels regularly - you may wish to agree spot-checks, but emphasise that you would prefer monitoring to be in the form of directed co-use with your child. This may lead to some enlightening conversations.

It is our experience that families who have put these guidelines in early have a much easier time once children reach secondary school age. This good practice becomes a habit, and allows a sense of the child being in control rather than the device controlling the child.

Once you have shared this Agreement with your child, please confirm you have done so by completing this Form <https://forms.office.com/r/THzpuWv1FB>

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