

Family Online Agreement

As a family it is important to have a common understanding of what is and what isn't appropriate behaviour online. Below is a list of positive statements to help make our family values known. It is important that emphasis is not simply placed on the child to make good or bad decisions - all family members should sign up to these values.

We agree to follow these rules, with the help of family and friends, when we use the internet, mobile phones, games consoles and other devices like the iPod Touch or iPad:

- We will keep all personal information private - including, home address, school name and address, email, home and mobile phone numbers and passwords.
- We will never arrange to meet someone in the real world that we have only met online (without my parent/carer's knowledge and permission).
- We will tell someone if we feel uncomfortable about anything we have seen or heard online or on a mobile phone or gaming device, or if someone online is making us feel awkward or pressurising us.
- We will only visit sites that we know are relevant to us. If we come across a website that is for adults then we will let a parent/carer know.
- We will respect other people online by only sending or posting friendly messages.
- We will only download files online from reliable and legal sources and if unsure we will check first with a parent/carer.
- We will only buy or order something online when we have asked our parent/carer. This includes apps, in-app purchases and online games. We will keep credit card information safe and ensure the website we order or buy from has secure transactions highlighted by a lock, key or web address that begins https.
- We will get permission from our friends and family before sending or posting photos of them online or via a mobile phone.
- We will only use the internet and other technologies such as gaming devices for the agreed amount of time.
- We know that some information online is not for kids. To stay safe we will put together a list of sites we really like and enjoy and will only visit sites on this list.
- We understand that downloading music, games and films for free can be illegal. I will only use legal sites to download and will ask an adult if we are unsure.
- We will ask a parent/carer before registering or signing up for things online, including competitions.
- We will delete any unwanted email or spam without opening it first.
- We will tell an adult if we receive frightening or bullying text messages or emails or any message with unacceptable content.
- We will only open files from people that we know.
- We will only link with contacts, eg. friend people on Facebook, that we know in the real world.