

FAMILY AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE SAFETY

The internet is a big part of our lives and creating a family agreement is a great way have positive conversations about using the internet safely and responsibly, and to set clear expectations. Through discussion about how and why your family goes online, both child and parent pledge to take specific actions around their use of the internet and agree on what will happen if the agreement isn't followed.

All families are different, but these considerations could be a useful guide to help you focus on what is most relevant for your family and their ages.



Time Spent Online

- When can we use the internet for school work
- When can we use the internet for entertainment
- When can you be online
- How often can we be online, and for how long?
- How does it feel when we have spent too much time online?



Sharing online

- Do we know what information is ok to share, and what is not ok to share?
- How do we keep personal information safe?
- What do we know about password use and security
- Do we know how to use privacy and safety settings, and why?

Content online

- Which websites are okay for us to use?
- What can we do if we see, read or hear something online that doesn't seem accurate or reliable?
- When is it okay to download files, games or apps, or click on a link?
- Do we know what the age requirements mean on the apps and games we use?
- Do we need any restrictions on making in-game or in-app purchases?
- What parental controls might help us as a family?



Communicating online

- Who can we chat/play games with online?
- How do we treat other people online?
- What can we do if we see someone being treated badly?



Getting help

- What can we do if we are bothered by something online?
- Do we know where the block and report buttons are on the apps, websites and games we use?



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(Child's Name)

Agree to the following:

(Parent's Name)

Agree to the following:

What happens if someone breaks the agreement?

Signatures:

Date:

Family Agreement Review Date: