
ONLINE CONTRACT

Conduct

I will be respectful of myself and others. I won't bully and won't tolerate bullying by others.

I will be a good online friend and be supportive of my friends and others who might be in trouble or in need of help.

I'll be conscious of how much time I spend on the web, phone and other devices and won't let use interfere with sleep, school work or face-to-face relationships.

If they need my help, I'll assist my parents, teachers and others in their use of technology.

I will respect other people's digital property and space. I won't steal, hack, break into anyone else's accounts or use other's content without permission. I will be thoughtful in my use of copy and paste. If I use anyone else's content or images I will quote them, give them credit and link to them if appropriate.

I will help create a culture of respect and tolerance at my school and among my peers.

I understand that computer use is a privilege, not a right. I will follow this contract when I use any computer, not just the ones at home and I understand that I will lose online access if I do not.

I understand that computer maintenance is not my responsibility and will not install nor update any software on the machine except with prior permission. I understand this applies even if the message onscreen says the update is important or urgent.

I understand that internet bandwidth is a limited resource which needs to be fairly shared and reasonable use in one place (say, at home) may not be reasonable elsewhere. I will be conscious of how much bandwidth/data I'm using and will avoid using large amounts (e.g. by watching videos, downloading large files or playing online games) unless I've checked first.

Safety

I will only make online contact with people I know face to face or whom are approved by Mum or Dad. I will tell them if I am contacted online by someone I don't know or don't recognise. I understand that unless I already know someone face to face, I shouldn't be making plans to meet them.

I understand that some people like to pretend to be someone else when they are online – that 14 year old Misty from California might actually be 74 year old Bruce from Woggawogga – which is why I need to be aware of whom I'm talking with.

I will tell Mum and Dad about anything online that makes me uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I see something bad accidentally. If I do see something inappropriate, I will sign-off or turn off my computer immediately and I will tell someone about what happened as soon as possible.

I will protect my passwords and practice good Net security.

I will only create an online account for any service with permission from Mum and Dad. Permission will not be withheld when there is a valid reason for access. My username and password will be disclosed so that they may view my activity at any time.

I understand that Mum and Dad want to keep me safe because they love me. Where appropriate, I will be "friends" with my parents and allow them to see what I am doing.

Privacy

I won't post or send pictures or other content that might embarrass me, get me into trouble or jeopardize my privacy or security. This includes names, addresses, telephone numbers, passwords, my parents' names, the name of any club or team I'm involved with or the name of my school without my parents' permission.

I'm aware that photographs might include extra information about where and when they were taken.

I understand that private family matters should not be mentioned online. Instead I should talk about them with a trusted adult.

I understand that once I share or send anything, it is no longer under my control and that things I post online are permanent.

I will respect other people's privacy and be courteous when posting photos or other information about them.

CHILD

MUM

DAD