Family Computer and Internet Safety Agreement

We want to use the computer and internet safely in our family and have agreed to set up a contract.

Child's Agreement

I understand that using the computer is a fun and educational way to use my time and that the internet is a public place. To stay safe online I need to use the computer and the internet responsibly. I will:

S(Safe)

- keep my personal information (name, address and phone number) to myself and not share it with others
- not send photos or videos of myself over the internet without checking with my parents first
- keep my passwords secret from everyone, except my parents

M(Meeting)

- never meet an online friend in real life unless I tell my parents first and they come with me

A(Accepting)

- only open emails and attachments from people I know
- not fill in forms online that ask for money or personal details

R(Reliable)

- only download things with my parents' permission
- think twice about the things I see on the internet and try to decide if they are true

T(Tell)

- tell my parents straight away if some asks me to do something I don't like
- tell my parents straight away if I see or receive something on the internet that I don't like

Parent's Agreement

I understand that my child will use the computer for entertainment and education and that the internet is a public place that is very useful for my child. I wish to help my child stay safe when using the computer and the internet. I will:

Empower

- take an interest in what my child is doing on the computer and encourage them to use it wisely
- listen to any problems my child has on the computer and understand that things can happen by mistake

Educate

- learn ways my family can stay safe online
- teach people in my family how to use the computer responsibly and stay safe online

Supervise

- Supervise my child when they are using the computer and when they are online
- Find out where my child uses their computer and make sure they are protected when using the internet away from home

Technology

- Install safety software on the home computer to keep my family safe
- Only allow computers to be used in a family area of the house, not in bedrooms

Computer and Internet Safety House Rules

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Child's signature   Parent's signature   Date

Time Guidelines

Agreed times available	Agreed times unavailable
Times I can use the computer or go online include: During the week: after dinner and when I have finished all my other homework On weekends and holidays: to be organised depending on our family plans	Times I cannot use the computer or go online include: During the week: before school and after 9.00pm at night On weekends and holidays: after 10.00pm or when parents go to bed
Special Rules	
On the holidays, I won't use my computer for more than 1 hour at a time and no more than 2 hours each day.	

Access Guidelines

Agreed places available	Agreed places unavailable
The places I can use the computer or go online include: • Home • School • Friend's house (with their parent's permission • libraries	The places I cannot use the computer or go online include: • internet cafes • wireless hotspots (like Macdonald's) • places where there is no adult supervision
Special Rules	
I can only use the computer or internet away from home after talking about it with my parents and I have to stick to the same rules for times as I have at home	

Download Guidelines

Agreed downloads available	Agreed downloads unavailable
Types of information I can download include: • copyright and royalty free images • free videos • free music • free games From official websites	Types of information I cannot download include: • pirated software • copyright images, music or videos • other people's personal information • game cracks, hacks or mods • any software (games or otherwise) without discussing it with my parents first
Special Rules	
I will keep track of how much information I am downloading each month and let my parents know if we are getting near our download limit	