



WISE KIDS Internet Safety Agreement

- The Internet is made up of a real community of people who are connected across the world via networks, computers and different digital devices. I will treat **people I only know via the Internet as strangers** that I might meet on a street.
- **I will not give out personal information** related to my family, my friends or myself like my full name, address, telephone or mobile number. Other information like the name and location of my school or details of school activities can also identify me to others, whether I am using chat apps, Facebook, Twitter, online forums or games. Sometimes there are people who watch out for such information, and they can put together a picture of my activities over a period of time. So I will be careful in what I say, and never give out my personal details.
- **I will not choose a provocative username, whether for Internet messenger services, social network sites, gaming or email** as I realise that this will probably cause me to receive more harassment online.
- **I will not meet someone whom I've met through the Internet**, in real life without my parent's permission, and if they agree, I will never go alone, but go with a trusted adult.
- **I will always use my common sense.** People I may be chatting to may not be who they say they are.
- **I will not fill out forms online without the permission of my parents/teachers/youth workers.** There are websites which seek personal information and which use this information for marketing or other commercial purposes. I will check a website's privacy statement. This describes what a website will do with my information.
- **I will not open emails from someone I do not know** as I may download viruses (which could even come from people I do know), or it may have content which is rude or upsetting. Many chain emails or emails with virus warnings are hoaxes. I will check that emails I receive are not hoaxes before I forward these messages to my friends and family.
- **I will not accept friend/follow requests from people I do not know and trust in real life**, and if I am unsure, I will talk to my parents or a trusted adult about this.
- **I will not send pictures of myself** or any other personal material to a friend I only know online without consulting my parents first.

- I will not cause harm to others through my online activities. I will be responsible, and show good etiquette online, and look out for my friends too. See WISE KIDS Guide to Net Etiquette -<http://www.wisekids.org.uk/netetiquette.htm>
- I will tell my parents/teachers/youth worker if I come across anything on the Internet which makes me feel uncomfortable or if someone on the Internet or mobile phone behaves inappropriately, harasses or threatens me.
- I will never respond to provocative, rude or threatening messages (whether in messenger, social network sites, gaming sites or via email) which make me feel uncomfortable. I will tell my parents/teachers/youth workers and where possible save a copy of the message so that they can use this information to make a report to the mobile phone company/Internet Service Provider/police if necessary.
- I will always evaluate the information I read on websites. Just because information is presented on the Internet does not mean that it is always truthful or reliable. When doing my research for homework, I will always get information from a number of sites, and check that they are reliable and reputable. See http://www.wisekids.org.uk/iw_assessemailcontent.htm to find out how to assess website content and emails. I will also respect copyright, and not plagiarise content or download copyright content illegally like movies and music without paying for it.
- When subscribing to public newsletters or programs like media plugins or downloads that require me to give out an email address, I will use a separate email address from my personal one. This will lessen the number of unwanted emails that I receive.
- The Internet is a 'real world' with real laws and consequences. I will be responsible when using it, wherever I am, whether on my smart phone, on a pc at home or in a friend's house.

I agree to abide by the above rules.

Name:

Date: