



WISE KIDS Internet Safety Agreement

- The Internet is a real community of people who are connected by computers. I will treat **people I don't know on 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 our full names, addresses, telephone or mobile numbers or those of our parents. Other information like the name and location of my school or details of school activities can also identify me to others, whether I am in a chat room, message board or newsgroup. 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 that could be several weeks. So I will be careful in what I say, and never give out your personal details.
- **I will not choose a provocative chat username or email username** as I realise that this will probably lead 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 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 even come from people I do know), or it may have contents that are 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 send pictures of myself** or any other personal material to a friend I met online without consulting my parents first.
- **I will observe good net etiquette.** See the (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 stuff on the Internet which makes me feel uncomfortable, or if someone on the Internet harasses or threatens me.
- I will never respond to provocative, rude, obscene or threatening messages (whether in chat, newsgroups or message boards) which make me feel uncomfortable. I will report this to my parents/teachers/youth workers and where possible save a copy of the message so that my parents/teachers/youth workers can forward it to our Internet Service Provider.
- I will always assess the information I read on websites. Because it's on the Internet does not mean that it's always truthful information, especially when it comes to health issues, or when I am doing research for homework. I will check that the website I am getting my information from is a reliable and reputable one, not one built on hearsay. See http://www.wisekids.org.uk/iw_assessemailcontent.htm to find out how to assess website content and emails.
- 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.
- I will observe the rules governing the use of the Internet whether at home or in a public online centre or cyber café, for e.g. not plagiarising information from the Net, using the computer equipment responsibly, not causing harm to others through my online activities.

I agree to abide by the above rules.

Name:

Date: