



## Digital Citizenship College Agreement

### Looking After Yourself

I will show respect for myself through my actions by:

- Choosing online names that are suitable and respectful.
- Only inviting or accepting people I actually know in the real world to be my friends in the online world.
- Only visiting sites that are appropriate and respecting the rules that web sites have about age restrictions. Some sites are only for adults or older adolescents.
- Setting my privacy settings so that only people I know can see me.
- Only posting information and pictures online that are appropriate.
- Only using language that is appropriate and not obscene.
- Not posting personal information about my life, experiences, experimentation or relationships.
- Protecting passwords, accounts and resources.
- Always reporting any attacks or inappropriate behaviour that happens online.
- Talking to trusted adults, like parents and teachers about my online experiences – both good and bad.

### Looking After Others

I will show respect for others through my actions by:

- Not sending hurtful or inflammatory messages or images.
- Not getting involved in or forwarding any conversations or images that are unkind, mean or bullying.
- Reporting to an adult or appropriate authority any conversations I see that are unkind, mean or bullying.
- Not visiting websites that are disrespectful, inappropriate, degrading, pornographic, racist or illegal. If you visit one by accident, close it and tell your teacher or a trusted adult.
- Not abusing my rights of access or the privacy of others by not entering their online space without invitation, not stalking them or copying any of their online content.

### Looking After Property

I will show respect for other people's property through my actions by:

- Not stealing other people's property. It's easy to download music, games and movies, but piracy (downloading media that you have not purchased) is just the name given to stealing online.
- Not sharing the music, movies, games and other software that I own with other people.
- Checking that the information I use is correct. When in doubt ask your teacher or parents.
- Looking after other people's web sites, acting appropriately when visiting them, not making changes or vandalising them and reporting any damage or abuse that I find.

By signing this agreement, I undertake to always act in a manner that is respectful of myself and others, and to act appropriately and in a moral and ethical manner.

**Student to Sign:** I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to follow the principles of digital citizenship outlined in this agreement and accept that failing to follow these principles will have consequences.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent to Sign:** I agree to help my son/daughter use technology in a respectful manner in accordance with the above principles.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_