

Digital Citizenship and Device Use Pledge for Students (Under 12s)

WHAT IS THIS?

This pledge outlines the expectations for students' safe and responsible use of digital technologies, devices, and the internet while at school. It is designed to help students develop the necessary skills to become confident and competent digital citizens and to create a safe online learning environment for everyone.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

This pledge is suitable for students under 12 years old. It is recommended to introduce this agreement to students at the start of the school year, or if the school introduces a Bring-Your-Own-Device scheme.

WHEN CAN THIS BE UTILISED?

Students can utilise this pledge by following the guidelines and rules outlined in it when using digital devices and online spaces at school. They can use it as a reference to understand their responsibilities and expectations for safe and responsible technology use and to make informed decisions about their behaviour online. They can also use it to seek help or report incidents of online bullying or other forms of online misconduct that violate the school's rules and policies. Ultimately, this pledge serves as a tool to help students become responsible, respectful, and ethical users of technology.

My Digital Citizenship and Device Use Pledge

I am committed to being a positive and responsible digital citizen. I pledge to:

1. **Be respectful.**

Always think before I speak or post online, and remember that my words can have an impact on others. I will treat others as I would like to be treated.

2. **Protect my privacy.**

Keep my passwords, personal information, and the personal information of others private and secure. I won't share anything that could put myself or others at risk.

3. **Be mindful of what I share.**

Think carefully about what I share online, and consider the potential consequences of my actions. I will share only what I'm proud of and would be comfortable sharing in person.

4. **Be aware of fake content.**

Not everything I see online is true. Be aware of fake news, photos, and videos, and fact-check before sharing anything.

5. **Give credit where credit is due.**

When I use someone else's words, images, or ideas, I make sure to give credit where credit is due. I will follow the rules for citing sources and respecting copyright laws.

6. **Respect other people's privacy.**

Always ask for permission before recording or taking photos of others, and think about how they would feel if the content was shared online.

7. **Use my devices responsibly.**

If I bring my own device to school, I will make sure it is appropriate for school use and check with my teacher before using it.

8. **Seek help if needed.**

If I encounter something online that makes me or someone else feel unsafe, I will talk to a trusted adult for help and guidance.

As a responsible digital citizen, I understand the importance of using digital technology and online spaces in a safe and appropriate manner. I acknowledge that my actions online have an impact on others, and that it is my responsibility to use technology in a way that is respectful and considerate of my fellow students and teachers. By signing this pledge, I commit to upholding these values and being a positive contributor to our school's digital community.

Signed: _____ (Student Name)

Date: _____