



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP - STUDENT RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT

When using Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) at Warkworth School, I will always be a good digital citizen. This means:

1. I will be a confident and capable user of ICT.

I know what I do, and do not, understand about the technologies that I use. I will get help where I need it.



2. I will use ICT for learning as well as other activities.

I understand that technology can help me to learn. I know it can also be used to talk to people, to buy and sell things, and to have my opinion heard. I know when and where it is okay to do each one.

3. I will think carefully about whether the information I see online is true.

I know that it is easy to put information online. This means that what I see is not always right. I will always check to make sure information is real before I use it.



4. I will be able to speak the language of digital technologies.

When people talk online, the things they say can be quite different from a conversation they might have if they were sitting next to each other. I know that I must try to understand what people are saying before I react to them. If I am not sure, I can ask them or someone else to explain.

5. I understand that I may experience problems when I use technology, but I will learn to deal with these problems.

I understand that there will be times when technology may not work as I expected it to, or that people may be mean or unkind to me online. When these things happen, I know that there are ways I can deal with it. I also know there are people I can go to, to get help, if I don't know what to do next.

6. I will always use ICT to communicate with others in positive, meaningful ways.

I will always talk politely and with respect to people online. I know that it is possible to bully or hurt people with what I say and do on the internet. I will think about the effect that my actions have on other people.

7. I will be honest and fair in all of my actions using ICT.

I will never do anything online that I know will hurt anyone. I will make sure that what I do is not against the law. I will make sure that my actions don't break the rules of the websites that I use. When I am not sure about what I am doing, I will ask for help. I will respect other people's and the school's devices.

8. I will always respect people's privacy and freedom of speech online.

I understand that some information is private. I will be careful when using full names, birthdays, addresses and photos of other people and of my own. I also know that I will not always agree with what people say online, but that does not mean that I can stop them or use it as an excuse to be unkind to them.

9. I will help others to become a better digital citizen.

Being a good digital citizen is something that we all have to work at. If I know that my friends are having problems online, I will try to help them. If I see that someone is being unfairly treated online then I will speak up rather than just watch it happen.

I have read this agreement and I understand the behaviours required for being a responsible digital citizen at Warkworth School.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
(Student)

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Caregiver)

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