

Example of an online safety agreement for use with young people

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This is an example of one of the documents organisations need to ensure safeguarding is at the heart of their activities.

Use this example to write a document that reflects the safeguarding needs of the children and young people your organisation works with and aligns with your other key safeguarding and organisational policies, procedures and standards.

[Name of group/organisation] understands the importance of children being able to use the internet for education and personal development. This includes social media platforms, games and apps. We aim to support children and young people in making use of these in our work. However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be in place to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

This agreement is part of our overarching **code of behaviour for children and young people and staff and volunteers**. It also fits with our overarching **online safety policy**. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to [add name/job title].

- More information about online safety is available from learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/online-safety-for-organisations-and-groups

Young person: please read the following agreement and discuss it with your parents/carers and group leader.

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Parents/carers: please read and discuss this agreement with your child and then sign it, ask your child to sign it, and return it to the group leader. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to [add name/job title].

Young person's agreement

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet, including social media platforms, games and apps. This includes the resources I access and the language I use.
- I will not deliberately browse, download or upload material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material I will report it immediately to the group leader.
- I will not send anyone material that could be considered threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal.
- I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number or address.
- I will not reveal my passwords to anyone.
- I will not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone I meet online unless I have discussed this with my parents and/or group leader and am accompanied by a trusted adult.
- If I am concerned or upset about anything I see on the internet or any messages that I receive, I know I can talk to [name].

I understand that my internet use at [Name of group/organisation] will be monitored and logged and can be made available to the group leader. I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe and that if I choose not to follow them, [Name of group/organisation] may contact my parents/carers.

Signatures:

We have discussed this online safety agreement and [child's name] agrees to follow the rules set out above.

Parent/carer signature..... Date

Young person's signature..... Date

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