



Acceptable Use Agreement for Parents/Carers

Background and Purpose

This **Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Agreement** is intended to help share the importance that O.L.S.G places on keeping children safe with particular regard to online safety. It additionally intends to encourage parents/carers to be actively involved in their child's online safety education, including encouraging transparent behaviour, critical thinking and reporting.

O.L.S.G will aim to provide every child with the best access it can to online technologies. Filtering and monitoring systems are in place to help to protect children from unnecessary risks. O.L.S.G will actively encourage children to think critically about content and communication from others and develop strategies for recognising inappropriate content/behaviours and how to deal with them. In turn, O.L.S.G expects the children to demonstrate that they are responsible users of digital technologies at all times.

Parents/Carers

We ask parents and carers to support us by:

- ✓ Sharing good online behaviours with your child.
- ✓ Emphasising the importance of the Acceptable Use statements/School rules that your child has agreed to.
- ✓ Highlight the importance of accessing only age-appropriate content and sites along with the pitfalls of social media.
- ✓ Explaining how to keep an appropriate digital footprint.
- ✓ Discussing what is and isn't appropriate to share online.
- ✓ Emphasising never to meet anyone online nor trust that everyone has good intentions.
- ✓ Reporting any concerns that you may have, whether home or school based.
- ✓ Stressing the importance of openness when being online and that no one should ever be too ashamed or embarrassed to tell a trusted adult if they have seen/shared anything concerning or have had inappropriate online contact.
- ✓ Drawing up and agreement of online safety rules for outside of school that are applicable even when your child is at a friend's home.
- ✓ Avoiding posting or replying to any comments about O.L.S.G to social media that may have a negative impact. Any concerns or worries should be reported to O.L.S.G in the first instance.

Permission Access

By signing below, you agree to allowing your child to access O.L.S.G's internet and ICT systems. This also includes any educational subscription services. You are also aware that your child has signed/agreed to the school's Acceptable Use Agreement for pupils.

Your child's name:

Class:

Parent's/Carer's Signature:

Date: