Acceptable Use Policy

This agreement will help keep me safe and help me to be fair to others

1. I learn online – I use the school’s internet and devices for schoolwork, homework and other activities to learn and have fun. School internet and devices are monitored.

2. I ask permission – Whether at home or school, I only use the devices, apps, sites and games I am allowed to, at the times I am allowed to.

3. I am creative online – I don’t just spend time on apps, sites and games looking at things from other people. I get creative to learn and make things, and I remember my Digital 5 A Day.

4. I am a friend online – I won’t share anything that I know another person wouldn’t want shared, or which might upset them. And if I know a friend is worried or needs help, I will remind them to talk to an adult, or even do it for them.

5. I am a secure online learner – I keep my passwords to myself and reset them if anyone finds them out. Friends don’t share passwords!

6. I am careful what I click on – I don’t click on unexpected links or popups, and only download or install things when I know it is safe or has been agreed by trusted adults. Sometimes add-ons can cost money, so it is important I always check for these too.

7. I ask for help if I am scared or worried – I will talk to a trusted adult if anything upsets me or worries me on an app, site or game – it often helps. If I get a funny feeling, I talk about it.

8. I know it’s not my fault if I see or someone sends me something bad – I won’t get in trouble, but I mustn’t share it. Instead, I will tell a trusted adult. If I make a mistake, I don’t try to hide it but ask for help.

9. I communicate and collaborate online – with people I already know and have met in real life or that a trusted adult knows about.

10. I know new online friends might not be who they say they are – I am careful when someone wants to be my friend. Unless I have met them face to face, I can’t be sure who they are.

11. I check with an adult before I meet an online friend face to face for the first time, and I never go alone.

12. I don’t do live videos (livestreams) on my own – and always check if it is allowed. I check with a trusted adult before I video chat with anybody for the first time.

13. I keep my body to myself online – I never get changed or show what’s under my clothes in front of a camera. I remember my body is mine and no-one should tell me what to do with it; I don’t send any photos or videos without checking with a trusted adult.

14. I say no online if I need to – I don’t have to do something just because a friend dares or challenges me to do it, or to keep a secret. If I get asked anything that makes me worried, upset or just confused, I should say no, stop chatting and tell a trusted adult immediately.

15. I tell my parents/carers what I do online – they might not know the app, site or game, but they can still help me when things go wrong, and they want to know what I’m doing.
16. **I am private online** – I only give out private information if a trusted adult says it’s okay. This might be my address, phone number, location or anything else that could identify me or my family and friends; if I turn on my location, I will remember to turn it off again.

17. **I am careful what I share and protect my online reputation** – I know anything I do can be shared and might stay online forever (even on Snapchat or if I delete it).

18. **I am a rule-follower online** – I know that apps, sites and games have rules on how to behave, and some have age restrictions. I follow the rules, block bullies and report bad behaviour.

19. **I am not a bully** – I do not post, make or share unkind, hurtful or rude messages/comments and if I see it happening, I will tell my trusted adults.

20. **I am part of a community** – I do not make fun of anyone or exclude them because they are different to me. If I see anyone doing this, I tell a trusted adult.

21. **I respect people’s work** – I only edit or delete my own digital work and only use words, pictures or videos from other people if I have their permission or if it is copyright free or has a Creative Commons licence.

22. **I am a researcher online** – I use safe search tools approved by my trusted adults. I know I can’t believe everything I see online, know which sites to trust, and know how to double check information I find.

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I have read and understood this agreement.

If I have any questions, I will speak to a trusted adult: at school that includes ________________.

Outside school, my trusted adults are______________.

Signed: _______________ Date: _______________

For parents/carers

If your parents/carers want to find out more, you can read Penwortham’s full Online Safety Policy on our school website.