

Parent-Child Internet Agreement

The Kids' Agreement

I, _____ agree to the following rules for using the Internet:

- 1) I will not hide things that I am doing online from my parents.
- 2) I will never give out my full name, my home address or telephone number, or my school name, to anyone online without my parents' permission.
- 3) My parents and I are a team. If I have a problem with the Internet I will share it with them and ask for their help.
- 4) Even though I am using the Internet I will continue to spend time with school friends outdoors, and will not abandon school and other offline social events.
- 5) I agree that schoolwork comes first, before the Internet.
- 6) Sometimes I might need to say NO to a suggestion from someone online. I will do so politely.
- 7) I understand that I can never know whether the people I meet online are who they say they are. I will therefore be careful when chatting online.
- 8) I will never try to meet someone from online without my parents' knowledge and permission.
- 9) I will treat others online as I would like to be treated. I will not become a troublemaker or a bully online.
- 10) I understand that I am not responsible for what other people say and do on the Internet, therefore if someone says or does something that makes me feel upset or disturbed, I will tell my parents. I will not respond to any messages that make me feel upset, angry or scared.
- 11) I will never open e-mail from strangers. Instead, I will ask my parents to check it first. I will also never accept a picture or a file from a person online nor send a picture of me or a file to them without asking my parents' permission first, even if it is my online friends.
- 12) I will follow my parents' rules for being online, including how long I can be online, where I can go and what I can do.

The Parents' Agreement

I, _____ agree to the following rules for using the Internet:

- 1) I will set my child responsible rules and guidelines for using the Internet and I will explain my reasons to my child. I will set reasonable and logical consequences for breaking my rules.
- 2) I will learn how to use the computer and the Internet so that I understand what my child is doing and so I know what I am talking about when I advise my child.
- 3) I will not become so preoccupied with the Internet myself as to not spend time with my child.
- 4) I will not use the Internet as a substitute for me spending time with my child. I understand that the computer is not a babysitter.
- 5) I will consider the friends my child makes online to be friends just as those they have offline and I will encourage my child to talk to me about their friends and what they are doing with them online.
- 6) If my child has a problem concerning the Internet I encourage them to tell me about it and I will help them solve it, just as I would help with a problem at school.
- 7) I will not automatically blame my child for things that happen to them online that are not their doing. I understand that my child is not responsible for the words or actions of people they interact with online.
- 8) No matter what happens to my child online and even if they break my rules I will not permanently ban the Internet. I recognize that skill with the Internet is essential to my child's future.

Parent's Signature _____

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Kid's Signature _____