



Student Cyber-Safety Agreement

Home-group teacher's copy

Cyber-Safety Agreement



I understand that our school is supporting students as they learn the skills required to become successful digital citizens. Our school defines a digital citizen as someone who;

- is a confident and capable user of ICT
- uses technologies to participate in educational, cultural, and economic activities
- uses and develops critical thinking skills in cyberspace
- is literate in the language, symbols, and texts of digital technologies
- is aware of ICT challenges and can manage them effectively
- uses ICT to relate to others in positive, meaningful ways
- demonstrates honesty and integrity in their use of ICT
- respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world
- contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship

I understand that our school has a policy and associated procedures* which outlines the school's digital citizenship approach and how this supports teaching and learning.

*These documents are available [on the school website/ on request/ at the school office]

I understand that the school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies because it believes that they enhance the teaching and learning process.

I understand that the school encourages responsible behaviour by students when using technology to help protect themselves and each other from experiencing harm online. I am aware that this "Responsible Use Agreement" is part of that, and that it encourages students to consider how their actions can affect themselves and those around them.

I have read the student declaration and have talked with my child about what it means to them. I am happy that my child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines.

I am aware that students can experience challenges when using technology, but that the school makes every effort to support students to manage those challenges effectively. I understand that by learning to deal with them in a safe environment with the appropriate support they will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

If I have questions or concerns about the way in which technology is being used by my child at school, I know the school is happy to discuss this with me, and I am aware that I am welcome to do this at any time.

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To the parent/caregiver/legal guardian, please:

1. **Read this page carefully**, to check you understand your responsibilities under this agreement
2. **Sign the appropriate section on the back of this form**
3. **Return this form to your child's home group teacher**
4. **Keep the online document for future reference**, as well as the copy of this signed page which the school will provide.

I understand that Marshland School will:

- Do its best to enhance learning through the safe use of ICT. This includes working to restrict access to inappropriate, illegal or harmful material on the Internet or school ICT equipment/devices at school, or at school related activities
- Work progressively with children and their families to encourage and develop an understanding of the importance of cybersafety through education designed to complement and support the use agreement initiative. This includes providing children with strategies to keep themselves safe in cyberspace
- Keep a copy of this signed user agreement on file
- Respond to any breaches in an appropriate manner
- Welcome enquiries from parents or students about cybersafety issues.

My responsibilities include:

- I will read this cybersafety user agreement document
- I will discuss the information with my child and explain why it is important
- I will return the signed agreement to the school
- I will support the school's cybersafety programme by encouraging my child to follow the cybersafety rules, and to always ask the teacher if they are unsure about any use of ICT
- I will contact the principal or school cybersafety manager to discuss any questions I might have about cybersafety and/or this use agreement and I am welcome to do this at any time.

Additional information can be found on the NetSafe website www.netsafe.org.nz/

Please note: This agreement for your child will remain in force as long as he/she is enrolled at this school. If it becomes necessary to add/amend any information or rule, parents will be advised in writing.

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Parent Permission for the Online Publication of a Primary Student's Image and Work

Images of our students (photographs, video clips, etc), and examples of their school work, are sometimes published in our newsletters, on our school website, and other online channels such as the school/class blogs, Facebook page, youTube, etc.

The purposes of publishing student material are to educate our students according to the national curriculum, to encourage students to participate in our school community, and to promote the school. We believe it is important to celebrate children's achievement, but are aware of the potential risks when such personal information or material is published on a global information system such as the Internet. In the interest of safety and security we require parents to give permission for their child's first name, image, or work to be made public.

With consent, we share no more than a student's first name, image, or work in the school newsletter, on the school website, or in the wider online community.

Please indicate your preference by ticking the relevant box

I give permission for my child's first name, image, or work to be published in the school newsletter, on the school website, or the wider online community.

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child's first name, image, or work to be published in the school newsletter, on the school website, or the wider online community.

I have read this cybersafety use agreement and I am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cybersafe learning environment, including my child's responsibilities.

Name of student:

Student's signature (If year 4 or over):

 SIGN HERE PLEASE!

Name of parent/caregiver/legal guardian:

Signature of parent or legal guardian:

 SIGN HERE PLEASE!

Date: