



Acceptable Use Agreement: Online Safety

Dear Parent / Carer

As part of their learning and development, your child will have the opportunity to access a wide range of digital technologies, including computers, games, consoles and cameras. We recognise the value of using these digital technologies and the potential risks involved. We therefore have rigorous online safety policies and procedures in place. Copies of our Online Safety Policies & Procedures are available on our website

<https://www.meads.e-sussex.sch.uk/policies/>

In order to support us further in developing your child's knowledge and understanding about online safety, please read the "Acceptable Use Rules for Children" below and discuss these with your child. We then ask that you 'sign' and return the attached slip. We understand that your child is too young to give informed consent on his / her own; however, we feel it is good practice to involve them as much as possible in the decision making process, and believe a shared commitment is the most successful partnership.

I hope that you will also find these rules provide an opportunity for further conversations between you and your child about safe and appropriate use of the online and digital technologies, both within and beyond the early years setting environment, such as at home or at a friend's home.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Katherin Weeks

Headteacher



Acceptable Use Rules for Children

Child's Name: _____ Class _____

This is how we stay safe when we use computers:

- I will ask an adult if I want to use a computer
- I will only use activities that an adult has told or allowed me to use
- I will take care of the computer and other equipment
- I will ask for help from an adult if I am not sure what to do or if I think I have done something wrong
- I will tell an adult / a leader if I see something that upsets me on the screen
- I know that if I break the rules I might not be allowed to use a computer

As the parent / carer I have read and discussed the acceptable use rules with my child and confirm that he / she has understood what the rules mean.

- I give permission for my child to use the online and digital technologies
- I understand that the setting will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that my child will be safe when online, however, I understand that this manages risk but cannot eliminate it
- I understand that the setting will take appropriate action in the event of any incidents
- I will encourage my child to adopt safe use of online and digital technologies, both within and outside the setting

Name of parent/carers _____

Signature _____

Please print _____

Date of signing _____

Please sign and return to the school office and a copy will be retained in your child's file.