



Digital Technology and Cybersafety – Students Responsible Use Agreement

Introduction

Wanaka Primary School believes in a Digital Citizenship model for supporting safe and responsible use of the internet in teaching and learning. It is important that we are able to show others what responsible use looks like while we are using technology in our learning.

We think a good digital citizen is 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, integrity and ethical behaviour in their use of digital technology
- respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world
- contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship

Because we know this is important for us all, we ask everyone, the staff, students and volunteers working at the school to agree to use the internet and other technologies in a safe and responsible way by following the rules laid out in this Responsible Use Agreement.

If someone cannot agree to act responsibly, or the things that they do mean that other people are being harmed, then we might stop them from using the internet or other technology at school.

Guidelines for Responsible Use

When using Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) at Wanaka Primary School I will always be a good digital citizen. This means that I:

Will be a confident and capable user of ICT

I know what I do and do not understand about the technologies that I use, I will get help where I need it.

Will use ICT for learning as well as other activities

I understand that technology can help me to learn. I also know it can also be used to talk to people, to buy and sell things and to have my opinion heard. I know when and where it is OK to do each one.

Will think carefully about whether the information I see online is true

I know that it is easy to put information online. This means that what I see is not always right. I will always check to make sure information is real before I use it.

Will be able to speak the language of digital technologies

When people talk online the things they say can be quite different from a conversation they might have if they were sitting next to each other. I know that I must try to understand what people are saying before I react to them. If I am not sure, I can ask them or someone else to explain.



'EMPOWERING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS'

Understand that I may experience problems when I use technology but that I will learn to deal with them

I understand that there will be times when technology may not work as I expected it to, or that people may be mean or unkind to me online. When these things happen, I know that there are ways I can deal with it. I also know there are people I can go to, to get help if I don't know what to do next.

Will always use ICT to communicate with others in positive, meaningful ways

I will always talk politely and with respect to people online. I know that it is possible to bully or hurt people with what I say and do on the internet. I will think about the effect that my actions have on other people.

Will be honest and fair in all of my actions using ICT.

I will never do anything online that I know will hurt anyone. I will make sure what I do is not against the law. I will make sure that my actions don't break the rules of the websites that I use. When I am not sure about what I am doing I will ask for help.

Will always respect people's privacy and freedom of speech online

I understand that some information is private. I will be careful when using full names, birthdays, addresses and photos of other people and of my own. I also know that I will not always agree with what people say online but that does not mean that I can stop them or use it as an excuse to be unkind to them.

Will help others to become better digital citizens

Being a good digital citizen is something that we all have to work at. If I know that my friends are having problems online, I will try to help them. If I see that someone is being unfairly treated online then I will speak up rather than just watch it happen.