



ADULT SOCIAL CARE, INTEGRATED CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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My Ref : U18 Health and Wellbeing Champions

Please Ask For: Megan Coe

Date: 26/05/2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Merton Online Safety Agreement

We understand the importance of children and young people being able to use the internet for education and personal development. This includes social media platforms and gaming sites.

As a member of the Under 18's Health and Wellbeing Community Champions, we will be encouraging young people to use various platforms to spread key public health messages.

However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be in place to ensure that young people are kept safe at all times.

Parents/carers

As your child will be attending Merton Under 18's Health and Wellbeing Community Champion sessions online, we would like you to:

- Read and discuss this agreement with your child
- Sign the agreement with your child
- Return it via email to Anna.Huk@merton.gov.uk and Nicola.DeSilva@merton.gov.uk
- Once we receive this, your child will be registered as a member and receive their membership certificate and invited to attend regular online and in-person sessions.

Young person's agreement

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet, including social media platforms, games and apps. This includes the resources I access and the language I use.

- I will not deliberately browse, download or upload material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material, I will report it immediately to my parent/carer/supervisor.
- I will not send anyone material that could be considered threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal and will report any material I receive considered as bullying or offensive to my parent/carer/supervisor.
- I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number, address or school address.
- I will not reveal my passwords to anyone.
- I will not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone I meet online unless I have discussed this with my parents or carer and am accompanied by a trusted adult.
- If I am concerned or upset about anything I see on the internet or any messages that I receive, I know I can talk to my parents/carers/supervisors
- I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe.

Positive Behaviour Online Checklist

- Be honest and share with me/us what you're doing online
- Always be kind and polite to others online
- Think before you post a comment, photo or video
- Go online at times that we agree and respect limits
- Don't access inappropriate content or apps
- Use security and privacy settings
- Tell me/us or your supervisor if you see bad or disturbing content and report it online
- Have fun, be creative and explore safely

Signatures

We have discussed this online safety agreement, and **[insert child's name]** agrees to follow the rules set out above.

Parent/carers/signature.....

Date

Young person's signature.....

Date



For further information:

This agreement is part of London Borough of Merton's overarching safeguarding and online safety policy. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Megan Coe, Public Health Principal (megan.coe@merton.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

Megan Coe

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