



Waikite Valley School

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Responsible Use of Information & Communications Technologies Agreement

When using information & communications technologies (ICT) at Waikite Valley School I will try to be a good digital citizen. This means that I:

Will be a confident and capable user of ICT.

I will take part in activities that help me understand the technologies that I use. I will get help where I need it.

Will use ICT for learning as well as other activities.

Technology can help me to learn. It can also be used to talk to people, to buy and sell things and to express an opinion. I will learn about when and where it is OK to do each one.

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

It is easy to put information online. I will learn that what I see online is not always right. I will learn to check information when using online sources.

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.

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

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 can get help to learn about ways I can deal with it. I can get help if I don't know what to do next.

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

It is important to have respect for other people when online. It is possible to bully or hurt people with what you say and do on the internet. I will learn about the effect that my actions have on other people.

Will try to be honest and fair when using ICT.

When I am not sure about what I am doing I will ask for help.



Will learn about respect, people's privacy and freedom of speech online.

I know that some information is private. I need to learn to be careful when using full names, birthdays, addresses and photos of other people and of my own. I may 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.

Student Declaration

These guidelines for responsible use are to be considered when using any technology whilst at school or whilst on any school activity. This may include the use of a device that the school does not own.

If I am unable to follow these guidelines, I may not be able to use ICT services at school.



Parent Declaration

I accept 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

Waikite Valley School has a policy and associated procedures* which outlines the schools digital citizenship approach and how this supports teaching and learning.

*These documents are available on request from the school office, or on the school website:

www.waikitevalley.school.nz .

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 agreement and have talked with my child about what it means to them. I am happy to support them and the school so that they can become a confident and capable user of ICT.

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.

Signed:

Name/s:

Date:



