Dormansland Primary School

E Safety Agreement Form: Parents

We are so privileged to be educating our children in the 21st century, with such advanced technology available to support their understanding and to inspire their awe and passion about the world.

However, the staff at Dormansland are also aware that, in a very few cases, parents and children are not always making the best choices about how to use this technology, leading to safeguarding concerns about their safety online.

While we continue to do our utmost to ensure that your children remain safe on line in school, we would like to ask you to read through this agreement form and, if you are happy to support its principles, please sign and return it to the school office.

Together, we can continue to keep your children safe, and enable them to make positive choices about how to behave when they are part of the global, online learning community.

Sarah Stokes
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As the parent or legal guardian of the child(s) named below, I grant permission for the school to give my daughter / son access to:

- the Internet at school
- the school’s chosen email system
- the school’s online managed learning environment, ICT facilities and other technical equipment at the school.

I understand that these will be used for educational purposes only.

I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep children safe and to prevent children from accessing inappropriate materials.

I understand that the school can, if necessary, check my child’s computer files and the Internet sites they visit at school and if there are concerns about my child’s e-safety or e-behaviour, they will contact me.

I understand the school has a clear policy on “The use of digital images and video” and I support this.

I understand that the school will sometimes use photographs of my child or including them in video material to support learning activities, unless I have specifically signed a form withdrawing my permission to allow this to happen.

I accept that the school may use photographs / video that includes my child in publicity that reasonably promotes the work of the school, and for no other purpose. I understand that I can choose to withdraw my permission for this to happen, by signing a form from the office or as
I will not take and then share online, photographs of any other children (or staff) at school events.

I understand that the school has a clear policy on “The use of social networking and media sites” and I support this.

I understand that the school takes any inappropriate behaviour extremely seriously and will respond to observed or reported inappropriate or unsafe behaviour.

I understand that the school is a social media-free site and will not use my phone or other mobile device when at school to drop off or collect my child.

I will support the school by promoting safe use of the Internet and digital technology at home. I will inform the school if I have any concerns.

My daughter / son's name(s): __________________________________________

Parent / guardian signature: ________________________________________ Date: ___/___/___
The use of social networking and on-line media

This school asks its whole community to promote the 3 commons approach to online behaviour:

- Common courtesy
- Common decency
- Common sense

How do we show common courtesy online?

- We ask someone’s permission before uploading photographs, videos or any other information about them online.
- We do not write or upload ‘off-hand’, hurtful, rude or derogatory comments and materials. To do so is disrespectful and may upset, distress, bully or harass.

How do we show common decency online?

- We do not post comments that can be considered as being intimidating, racist, sexist, homophobic or defamatory. This is cyber-bullying and may be harassment or libel.
- When such comments exist online, we do not forward such emails, tweets, videos, etc.
- By creating or forwarding such materials we are all liable under the law.

How do we show common sense online?

- We think before we click.
- We think before we upload comments, photographs and videos.
- We think before we download or forward any materials.
- We think carefully about what information we share with others online, and we check where it is saved and check our privacy settings.
- We make sure we understand changes in use of any web sites we use.
- We block harassing communications and report any abuse.

Any actions online that impact on the school and can potentially lower the school’s (or someone in the school) reputation in some way or are deemed as being inappropriate, will be taken extremely seriously.

In the event that any member of staff, student or parent/carer is found to be posting libellous or inflammatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, these will be reported immediately to the appropriate ‘report abuse’ section of the network site, in accordance with local authority guidance.

In serious cases we will also consider legal options to deal with any such misuse.

The whole school community is reminded of the CEOP report abuse process:
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/