Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for PARENTS

Background

The use of technology is an essential part of all of our lives. At Collis Primary School we take our responsibilities for supporting your child to develop skills in using technology very seriously, and their safety and wellbeing are our utmost priority to us.

We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Collis Primary School to read and sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school).

Your child has also signed an AUP which is available on the school website computing page.

We tell your children that **they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or on a home network.** What we tell pupils about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community, whether they are at home or school. We seek the support of parents and carers to reinforce this message and help children to behave in a safe way when online:

"Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face."

Where can I find out more?

- You can read Collis Primary School's full Online Safety Policy available on the policy page of the school website for more detail on our approach to online safety or if you have any questions about this AUP or our approach to online safety, please speak to Sophie Macartney or Paul Dowsett.
- We recommend the Digital Family Agreement with example statements to help families agree on shared expectations around time spent on devices, and ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom at night-time.

What am I agreeing to?

1. I understand that Collis Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
2. I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials, including through behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering.
3. School network protections will be superior to most home filtering. However, please note that accessing the internet always involves an element of risk and the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies. Schools are asked not to overblock or provide an experience which is so locked down as to block educational content or not train pupils for life in an online world.

4. I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school is subject to filtering and monitoring. More detail of this can be found in our online safety policy.
5. I understand and will help my child to use any devices at home in the same manner as when in school, including during any remote learning periods.
6. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
7. Parents are kindly asked not to call pupils in Years 5 and 6 on their mobile phones during the school day; urgent messages can be passed via the School Office.
8. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. I will support the school's social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age (for nearly every social media platform, this means under 13).
9. When I visit the school premises, I will keep any online technology in my pocket wherever possible.
10. I will follow the school's digital images and video guidelines so when I can capture and/or share images/videos. I will **not** share images of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous.). The school sometimes uses images/video of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.
11. I will not covertly film or make recordings of any interactions with pupils or adults in schools. If I wish to make any recording, we request you to please speak to the Head Teacher.
12. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to parentsafe.lgfl.net for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc.
13. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply safety settings to my home internet and to various devices, operating systems, consoles, apps and games. There are also child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content. Find out more at parentsafe.lgfl.net.
14. I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which s/he has signed and I understand that s/he will be subject to sanctions if s/he does not follow these rules.
15. I can find out more about online safety at Collis Primary School by reading the full Online Safety Policy and can talk to my child's class teacher or Sophie Macartney or Paul Dowsett if I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.

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I/we have read, understood and agreed to this policy.

Signature/s: _____

Name/s of parent / guardian: _____

Parent / guardian of: _____

Date: _____