**Digital Family Agreement Form**

**We agree to follow these rules when we use the internet, mobile phones or games consoles.**

**We will keep ourselves and others safe by:**

* Keeping all personal information such as home/school address, telephone numbers and passwords private.
* Not letting strangers know where I am by tagging photographs or identifying your location on apps such as Foursquare or Facebook.
* Only become friends with people on Facebook if I know them in the real world and promise to use the privacy settings in any services I use.
* Never arranging to meet somebody that I have met online in the real world without my foster carer’s or parent’s knowledge and permission.
* Telling my parents or foster carer if I feel uncomfortable about anything I have seen online or if someone is making me feel uncomfortable or scared online. I will block anyone who offends me or makes me feel awkward.
* Respecting other people online by only sending or posting friendly messages.
* Only downloading files from trustworthy and legal sources. If I am unsure, I will ask our foster carers/parents. We understand that downloading music, games and films for free can sometimes be illegal and infringe copyright.
* Not opening messages or email from people that I don’t know. I will also delete any unwanted email or spam messages without opening them.
* Asking a parent or foster carer before registering or signing up for things online, including competitions and social networking websites.
* Only buying products or services online once I have permission from our parents/foster carers. This includes in-app purchases such as power-ups, restricted levels, virtual money, special characters and boosts.

**We will be good digital citizens by:**

* Helping to stop cyber bullying if I know it is happening. I will let my parents or foster carers know.
* Only posting photos or videos online of friends, birth family and foster family after we have got permission to do so.
* Never sending unfriendly messages online.
* Asking a parent or foster carer before registering or signing up for things online, including competitions and social networking websites.
* Only downloading files online from reliable and legal sources and if unsure I will first check with our parent or foster carer. I understand that downloading music, games and films for free can be illegal.

**We will think first and:**

* Take care with my online activities. This especially applies to gaming in front of younger children.
* Not believe everything I read online is true and people might not be who they say they are.

**We will have a healthy balance between the real and digital world by:**

* Making sure we finish all our homework before we go online.
* Only going online for the agreed time.

**We all agree to help our parents/foster carers understand that the internet can be a fun place and we will help them have fun, learn things online and teach them things about the internet, computers and other technology.**

**I accept that my internet access can be monitored, filtered or blocked to ensure that I am safe.**

**I accept my foster carer’s Digital Family Agreement.**

**Foster carers and parents agree that they will never say ‘no’ without explaining their reasons why.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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