



## **Chulmleigh Community College Social Media and Online Activities: Home / School Agreement**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to set out an agreement between pupils, the school, and parents / carers to ensure safe and responsible use of social media by pupils.

Did you know that across England and Wales...

- **The average age at which children first see pornography is 13, and 79% will encounter violent pornography before the age of 18**
- **An estimated 1 in 20 children will meet up with someone they have only spoken to online, and more than 1 in 10 children will receive a sexual message**
- **75% of parents surveyed by the British Board of Film Classification said that their child had not seen pornography, but in reality, 50% of those children had seen pornography.**
- **Twitter was the online platform where young people were most likely to have seen pornography**
- **Activities such as 'sexting', cyberbullying and sharing sexual images are becoming increasingly common among children.**
- **It is a criminal offence to send messages which are grossly offensive or indecent, obscene or menacing, or false, for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another (s127 Communications Act 2003)**
- **Parents can be held legally responsible for any unlawful use of social media by their children.**

A few simple steps can make social media and online activities safer for everyone.

*It is agreed that*

### **PUPILS WILL:**

- Understand the importance of good online safety practice out of school, and understand that this agreement covers their actions outside of school
- Respect the feelings and rights of others both on and offline.
- Engage in age appropriate online safety education opportunities.
- Read and comply with the school's acceptable use policies.

- Take responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe online.
- Stop and think before posting or sharing comments or pictures, and never post sexual or other inappropriate images of themselves or others
- Never share their own or anyone else's personal information or any information that might endanger themselves or others on social media
- Seek help from a trusted adult if there is a concern online, and support others that may be experiencing online safety issues.

**PARENTS WILL:**

- Require their children to adhere to their commitments under this agreement
- Support the school's online safety approaches by discussing online safety issues with their children and reinforcing appropriate and safe online behaviours at home.
- Role model safe and appropriate use of technology and social media.
- Ensure that they have access to their children's online accounts, and at least on a monthly basis review and monitor their child's use of social media.
- Identify changes in behaviour that could indicate that their child is at risk of harm online.
- Seek help and support from the school or other appropriate agencies if they or their child encounter risk or concerns online.
- Communicate with their children and educate them to report offensive or hurtful comments, and to take care in what they send or post on social media

**THE SCHOOL WILL:**

- Ensure that online safety is embedded within the curriculum, enabling all pupils to develop an age-appropriate understanding of online safety.
- Provide a designated safeguarding lead who will act as a named point of contact on all online safeguarding issues and liaise with other members of staff or other agencies, as appropriate.
- Keep up to date with current research, legislation and trends regarding online safety and communicate this with the community, as appropriate.
- Ensure that online safety is promoted to parents/carers and the wider community, through a variety of channels and approaches.
- Contribute to the development of online safety policies.

**More information can be found on our Social Media Safety website page:**  
[tinyurl.com/CCCSocialMedia](https://tinyurl.com/CCCSocialMedia)