

MHPS eSafety Agreement 2019



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Keeping your child **eSafe is a shared responsibility**. Please read this agreement with your child and check that they understand what they are signing, why it is important to you and for them and discuss the consequences should they break the agreement.

Where and when does this agreement apply? This agreement is designed to keep your child eSafe. It is therefore relevant to everywhere your child uses the internet (at school, home, friend's houses, etc) and on a wide range of devices including phones, tablets, wearables, gaming systems and computers.

KEY EXPECTATIONS

Show respect

I agree to:

- always be respectful to myself and others when interacting online.
- respect other people's digital property and space.
- always choose a username/avatar that does not reveal my full identity and is not rude or inappropriate.
- not use images or content of others without consent as this is essentially stealing their property.
- respect the privacy of others and be courteous when posting media and commenting on content.

Be responsible and stay e-safe

I agree to:

- keep my personal information (including name, address, date of birth, phone number and school) to myself and not share it with others on the internet.
- protect my passwords and make sure they are unique and not easily guessed by others.
- not hack or break into the accounts of others as this is a major breach of their privacy.
- not set up a false account or pretend to be somebody else online
- not publish or send photos or video clips across any social media platform that may embarrass or belittle myself or others or potentially put their privacy or security at risk.
- tell my parents or an adult I trust if I come across something online that makes me feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- only download apps and software with my parent/caregiver's or teacher's permission.
- not click on advertisements and forms on websites and apps without checking with a responsible adult first.
- keep my mobile device (e.g. phone) turned off in my bag should I need to bring to school
- deactivate cellular data from my smartwatch during school hours

I understand that:

- inappropriate use of any mobile device at school will result in it being confiscated until the end of the school day and my parents will be notified, as per the school's *Acceptable Use Policy* (found on the school website).
- most forms of social media (e.g. Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat etc) include a minimum age restriction that prohibit me from creating an account and using the service.
- that my actions online leave a traceable 'digital footprint' that cannot be erased. My online identity is created as soon as I begin to access the internet on any device.
- there can be serious consequences, including suspension, for things I do outside of school when that action is clearly related to school, for example using technology (email, text, SMS, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other technologies) to defame, bully or harass another student or member of staff about matters that relate or can be connected to Middle Harbour Public School.
- the school is required to notify my parents, the Director and the police if I post, share or upload explicit material and that it may result in disciplinary action that may include suspension.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF INTERNET AND MOBILE DEVICES AT SCHOOL

I agree that I will abide by the school's **Mobile Phone and Devices Acceptable Use Policy** and that:

- I will use the school's devices and department's Wi-Fi network for learning ONLY.
- I will use the school's devices during school activities at the direction of the teacher.
- I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
- I will not use school's devices to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is considered disrespectful by the school including anything offensive, threatening, abusive, defamatory or considered to be bullying.
- I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher immediately
- I have read and will abide by the *NSW Department of Education and Communities' Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students*.
- I understand that not following these eSafety expectations could result in having my school internet and/or device privileges suspended by the Principal and my parents being informed.

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____ Class: _____

I have read this agreement with my child and acknowledge the shared responsibility I have in keeping my child eSafe.

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Middle Harbour's *Mobile Phone and Devices Acceptable Use Policy* can be found on the school website under Policies / MHPS Policies / Mobile Phones and Devices Policy.

NSW Department of Education and Communities' Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/online-communication-services-acceptable-usage-for-school-students>