



THE DIGITAL CONTRACT

The New Phone



Congratulations!

Before this phone becomes YOURS completely, you will need to agree to some ground-rules. At this stage, this phone will be considered 'on-loan' as part of this Digital Contract.

If you continue to abide by this Contract, it may be adjusted to allow more privileges and include less rules. If you fail to follow the Contract as required, such privileges or device access may be removed or restricted.

THE DEVICE ITSELF

You agree you WILL;

- Provide your parents with the PIN for the phone and access details for all apps, games and content on the device.
- Answer the phone if your family calls or call back as soon as possible if a call is missed.
- Reply to messages sent by your family or respond as soon as possible if a message is missed.
- Turn the phone off and leave it in a designated place where required and when requested;
 - by a parent, grandparent or other adult family member, or
 - by a school staff member and where required by school rules or policies, or
 - by The Rules or any other agreement in this Contract.
- Keep the phone safe and in good condition.
- Return the phone to a parent if requested.
- Always remain transparent and honest regarding the use of this device.

APPROPRIATE CULTURE OF USE

You agree you WILL NOT;

- Message or post anything which goes against the values of our family or your school.
- Take, share or post any inappropriate images or videos of yourself or anyone else.
- Use the device in breach of rules imposed at school.
- Use the device outside of the hours agreed upon by your parents under The Rules.
- Purchase or download ANY additional Apps, games or content to the phone without consent from your parents.
- Change, adjust or disable settings applied by your parents or remove apps installed by your parents

OUR ROLE AS PARENTS

As your parents, we promise that we will;

- Use this Contract and set The Rules with consideration for you and with your best interests in mind.
- Continue to respect and understand your perspective, as we are still learning in the digital space ourselves.
- Look out for you and monitor what you do online and on your devices. It's our job as parents to protect you and we will do whatever it takes to keep you safe and happy.
- Be fair when we discipline you if you make an error of judgement or go against The Rules or this Contract.
- Reward you if you are abiding by this Contract and building an appropriate culture of use for the device.

Your Signature

Date / /

Parent Signature/s

Date / /

THE RULES

THE DEVICE IN THE HOUSE;

- Device Hours and Times at home;
 - The device will not be used;
 - After ???PM at night or before ???AM in the morning.
- The “Phone Zone” is the place where the device will be left when not being used or when turned off as per the Contract.
 - Our Phone Zone will be - *The Kitchen Bench??*
 - When the device is in the Phone Zone it cannot be accessed or used without permission from a parent.
 - The device will go in the Phone Zone when;
 - It is charging.
 - We are having meals.
 - When you are doing homework.
 - When you are doing chores and other designated activities.
 - When you are sleeping.
 - When you are in the bathroom or toilet.
 - During hours agreed upon as part of the Contract.
- Times and places where the device must not be used;
 - The device will never be used;
 - In any bathroom, changing area or toilet space.
 - In a bedroom / or in a bedroom where the door is closed.
 - In a school environment where device use is not permitted or where use of the device goes against school rules or guidelines.

THE DEVICE AT SCHOOL;

- Device Hours and Times at School;
 - The device will not be used during school hours, except;
 - In an emergency,
 - If you need to speak with a parent because of a personal or private matter,
 - With permission from a school staff member

THE DEVICE – GENERAL USE and RESPONSIBILITIES;

- Matters relating to the general use of the device;
 - You will advise your parents if you see anything on the device which makes you feel uncomfortable, upset or concerned.
 - You will advise a parent if a stranger has made contact with you via any method on the device.
 - You will advise a parent if any matters regarding the device have occurred relating to;
 - Downloaded Updates.
 - Damage or Loss.
 - Unpermitted access by any other person.
 - Viruses, Scams or other suspicious activity or behaviours.
 - Anything related to the conditions of the Contract.

Parents Note – These rules are specific to your household and child. Each household and child can be quite different regarding their approach, so feel free to make adjustments or additions where you see fit. I have added a few rules as a guide or starting point.

Punishment is also quite varying and specific to a household. As such, I have not included punishment options. When setting punishments for breaching the Contract it is important to not be too harsh or to remove the device completely and utterly. Try to be reasonable! I would even sit down and discuss possible punishment options with the child, they can be very agreeable when they are looking at getting a new phone. This discussion will give you an option to find middle ground.