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ICT RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS

When using information & communications technologies (ICT) at Rathkeale College I will always be a good digital citizen. This means that:

I will be a confident and capable user of ICT.

I know what I do and do not understand about the technologies that I use. I will get help where I need it.

I will use ICT for learning as well as other activities.

I understand that technology can help me to learn. I also know it can also be used to talk to people, to buy and sell things and to have my opinion heard. I know when and where it is OK to do each one.

I will think carefully about whether the information I see online is true.

I know that it is easy to put information online. This means that what I see is not always right. I will always check to make sure information is real before I use it.

I will be able to speak the language of digital technologies.

When people talk online the things they say can be quite different from a conversation they might have if they were sitting next to each other. I know that I must try to understand what people are saying before I react to them. If I am not sure, I can ask them or someone else to explain.

I understand that I may experience problems when I use technology but that I will learn to deal with them.

I understand that there will be times when technology may not work as I expected it to, or that people may be mean or unkind to me online. When these things happen, I know that there are ways I can deal with it. I also know there are people I can go to, to get help if I don't know what to do next.

I will always use ICT to communicate with others in positive, meaningful ways.

I will always talk politely and with respect to people online. I know that it is possible to bully or hurt people with what I say and do on the internet. I will think about the effect that my actions have on other people.

I will be honest and fair in all of my actions using ICT.

I will never do anything online that I know will hurt anyone. I will make sure what I do is not against the law. I will make sure that my actions don't break the rules of the websites that I use. When I am not sure about what I am doing I will ask for help.

I will always respect people's privacy

I understand that some information is private. I will be careful when using full names, birthdays, addresses and photos of other people and of my own.

I will not capture still or video images of students or staff without their knowledge.
I will not share any still or video images of students or staff without their permission.
I will not share any inappropriate still or moving images, via phone or any other digital platform.

I will always respect people's freedom of speech online.

I know that I will not always agree with what people say online but that does not mean that I can stop them or use it as an excuse to be unkind to them.

I will help others to become better digital citizens.

Being a good digital citizen is something that we all have to work at. If I know that my friends are having problems online, I will try to help them. If I see that someone is being unfairly treated online, then I will speak up rather than just watch it happen.