

S1: Staying Safe Online – A Young Person’s Agreement

- a. I will ALWAYS tell a parent or another adult immediately if something is confusing or seems scary or threatening.
- b. I will NEVER give out my real name, real address, telephone number, school name or location, schedule, password, or other identifying information when I'm online. I will check with an adult for any exceptions.
- c. I will NEVER have a face-to-face meeting with someone I've met online. In rare cases, my parents may decide it's OK, but if I do decide to meet a cyberpal, I will make sure we meet in a public place and that a parent or guardian is with me.
- d. I will NEVER respond online to any messages that use bad words or words that are scary, threatening, or just feel weird. If I get that kind of message, I'll print it out and tell an adult immediately. The adult can then contact the online service or appropriate agency. If I'm uncomfortable in a live chat room, I will use the 'ignore' button.
- e. I will NEVER go into a new online area that is going to cost additional money without first asking permission from those paying the bills.
- f. I will NEVER send a picture over the internet or via regular mail to anyone without my parent's/carer's permission.
- g. I will NOT give out a credit card number online without a parent present.

Young Person Date.....

Parent/Carer Date.....

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