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Online Safety Agreement

Background

The aim of this document is to set sensible and safe limits for students regarding their online behaviour whilst studying at Chaucer College and using the organisation's online facilities. It is designed to protect the users themselves, Chaucer College and other students.

Statement

The internet is a powerful tool giving great opportunities to everyone. Most things about the internet are good; some are not so good. This agreement aims to keep under 18 students safe online when they enrol on a course at Chaucer College. The College has online safety measures (e.g. filters, passwords, monitoring of online activity, etc.) to help protect students. All under 18 students need to be responsible online, use the internet legally and follow these rules.

Terms of the Agreement

Acceptable Use

I will be responsible in my online behaviour whilst on a course at Chaucer College. I will not do anything that might risk:

- My own safety;
- The safety of other users (students, staff, homestays) connected to Chaucer College; and,
- The safety and security of Chaucer College's or other users' computing systems.

My Safety

- I understand that Chaucer College will monitor my online behaviour;
- I will not share my user name or password, or use another person's user name or password;
- I will be aware of 'stranger danger' online and not share personal information (e.g., contact details) about myself or others online;
- I will not meet anyone off-line who I have met online; and,
- I will immediately report to staff or homestay, any unpleasant or inappropriate material or messages that make me feel upset or unhappy.

Proper (Legal) Online Activity

- I will only use personal devices (mobile phones, USB devices etc.) at times designated by Chaucer College (e.g., during break times);
- I will not create, access (download or upload), share or store any illegal or inappropriate material*, using my own, my homestay's or Chaucer College's equipment while staying in the UK; and
- I will not install or store programs on Chaucer College's or other users' equipment.

*Illegal and inappropriate online materials include gambling, pornography, age-rated games/films, websites or games showing violence, any sort of extremism or being unkind to others (intolerance) based on race, religion, disability etc., sending or receiving words or pictures about sex, accessing and not paying for music and films that are protected.

My Behaviour

- I will act as I want others to act towards me;
- I will not access, copy, remove or alter other people's or Chaucer College's online materials or settings without permission;
- I will be polite when I communicate with others online. I will not use unkind, angry or bad language in texts, emails or any other online messages; and,
- I will not take, send or share on social media, pictures of anyone without their permission.

I am responsible

- I understand that I have broken Chaucer College's rules if my online behaviour does not follow this Agreement and that I can be disciplined. If it is serious (e.g., breaking UK law) I might be sent home.
- This Agreement includes my time in and away from Chaucer College for the duration of the course, and particularly to my behaviour towards other members of Chaucer College's community.

Contact Us

If you would like to contact us to discuss this agreement or for any other reason, please get in contact with us:

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