



## **USE OF SIM ENABLED MOBILE DEVICES – PARENTAL AGREEMENT**

The Learn to Live Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This includes safeguarding them from risks associated with mobile technologies and the internet.

We are aware that young people are continuously exposed to an increasing range of risks, whether they are using mobile phones, iPads or games consoles to access online gaming, social media, chatrooms or websites. One way to support our young people is to allow them to use their mobile devices in a controlled environment and provide them with a thorough, practical education which empowers them to take control and enables them to recognise the dangers in order to avoid them.

Below is an outline of what this will look like for your child. It will inform you of precautions in place to safeguard our students as well as the responsibilities you will have under this agreement. Please read the information below and sign in order to give permission for your child to use their mobile device whilst in FE.

Your child will attend a series of online safety sessions and must have understood and signed their own acceptable use agreement prior to being allowed access to their mobile phone or other device.

Your child will only have access to their mobile device when needed for educational purposes or at agreed times during the day.

Your child will only be allowed to use their mobile device at lunchtime or during specific lessons. The device may only be used in agreed locations either within the school or when off site.

Your child will be supervised by a member of staff at all times who may ask to see the mobile device or the activities being undertaken by the young person at any time.

There will be no access to the school's wi-fi. This means that if a student wishes to access the internet, they will do so using their own mobile network connection which will be unfiltered.

If your child is found to be accessing inappropriate materials (including but not limited to using/ accessing strong language or accessing indecent images) or taking part in activities which could pose a danger to themselves or others (including but not limited to sharing personal information, engaging in exchanges with unknown people or taking part in online bullying), they will no longer be able to use their mobile device at school and you will be informed. In these instances, the mobile device will be confiscated and you will be required to collect the device on your child's behalf.

Your child will not be allowed to take photographs or videos of staff or other students while using their mobile devices.

Please be aware that if you allow your child to use their mobile device at Ellen Tinkham College or Bidwell Brook, and in the vicinity of other students using their mobile devices, they may have access to all activities available on their device and online. These include making phone calls, sending text messages, accessing social media, watching online videos, communication sites and chat rooms and playing online games.

If there are any breaches of these protocols, you will be responsible for correcting these. For example, if a photo or video has been taken of another pupil, it will be your responsibility to ensure that these are deleted permanently. Equally, if your child has posted something online and the college asks you to remove it, you will be responsible for doing so.

I have read and agree to the above restrictions in place to reduce risk and promote online safety.

I agree to allow my child to use their mobile device for the purposes outlined in the appendix to the school's BYOD policy and in this agreement. I acknowledge that the Learn to Live Federation takes no responsibility for any personal devices brought onto their sites.

I agree to correct any breaches including deleting items if staff from the Learn to Live Federation ask me to do so, to protect the safety of my child and others.

**I understand that every precaution will be taken by staff to ensure that my child is safe whilst using their own mobile device but that the risks associated with using the internet or mobile devices is ever present.**

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Information about the mobile device:

Make/model: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement**

- ✓ I have taken part in online safety lessons and know that I must keep my personal information safe and where I can get help, if I need it.
- ✓ I understand that I must follow the rules set out below in order to use my own mobile device.
- ✓ I will not take photographs or videos of other students or members of staff.
- ✓ I must not create, upload or share any inappropriate messages or images, including swearing or comments about others.
- ✓ I will not access inappropriate materials when I go online.
- ✓ I will only text or call the people on the list approved by my parent/carer.
- ✓ I will only access the sites and apps that are on the list approved by my parent/carer.
- ✓ My phone/mobile device must be handed in at the start of the day.
- ✓ I will only use my device in the specified room, during lunchtime, at a time when I am advised.
- ✓ I will allow staff to see that I am doing if they ask.
- ✓ I will hand my phone/mobile device in at the end of the session and can be picked up at the end of the school day.
- ✓ If I am found to be breaking any of these restrictions, I will not be allowed to use my mobile device on site.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree with all the statements above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_