

ODCS Online Safety Agreement for Parents and Young People

The Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society (ODCS), which incorporates Oxfordshire Friends of the Young Deaf (OFYD), understands the importance of children being able to use the internet for education and personal development. This includes social media platforms, games and apps. We aim to support children and young people in making use of these in our events. However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be in place to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

This agreement is part of our overarching code of behaviour for children and young people and volunteers. It also fits with our overarching online safety policy. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Zoë Lee, Safeguarding Lead.

Members of OFYD: please read the following agreement and discuss it with your parents/carers.

Parents/carers: please read and discuss this agreement with your child, sign it, ask your child to sign it, and return it to the ODCS Secretary at oxforddcgs@gmail.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Zoë Lee.

Young person's agreement

I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet, including social media platforms, games and apps. This includes the resources I access and the language I use. I will not deliberately browse, download or upload material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material I will report it immediately to the event leader. I will not send anyone material that could be considered threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal. I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number or address. I will not reveal my passwords to anyone. I will not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone I meet online unless I have discussed this with my parents and am accompanied by a trusted adult. If I am concerned or upset about anything I see on the internet or any messages that I receive, I know I can talk to Ellen, Esther, Zoë or my parents/carers.

I understand that my internet use at OFYD will be monitored and logged and can be made available to the event leader. I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe and that if I choose not to follow them, OFYD may contact my parents/carers.

Signatures: **We have discussed this online safety agreement and [child's name] agrees to follow the rules set out above.**

Parent/carers signature..... Date

Young person's signature..... Date