



# TURAKI SCHOOL

## Digital Device Responsible Use Agreement

### Student User Agreement - Years 4 - 8

#### TURAKI SCHOOL STUDENT USER AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

Digital technologies are tools that can help us learn at school in all sorts of ways. Some of these ways include looking at interesting things online, talking to people, creating music and media, gathering new ideas, and learning how to use tools.

When we use digital technologies and online spaces it's important that we learn ways to keep ourselves safe, and that we make positive choices in ways we behave when we are online. At Turaki School we call this being a 'digital citizen' and good digital citizens help to make our school a safe and positive place for everyone.

This agreement shares what Turaki School does to help make learning online safe, and what we need to do. We know it is not always easy to understand everything about online spaces. It can be complicated at times, and some things can go wrong. This is why it's important that we commit to making it as safe as possible to use digital tools and online spaces for learning.

#### TURAKI SCHOOL ROLE

Turaki School supports you by helping you learn in the best ways we can.

We will do this by:

- offering access to the internet and online platforms
- using filtering software to protect everybody
- helping students who need support to deal with online problems that happen during school hours
- protecting your rights to a safe and positive online environment
- providing opportunities to use digital technologies in the learning at school

#### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student of Turaki School and also part of our community, we ask you to help make our school a place that is safe, friendly, and fair. This means taking our school values and acting on these whether you're online, or offline, and help to make our school a positive place to learn, connect and play. This is being a 'digital citizen'.

As a digital citizen, you will:

- **Keep it kind.** Think about others online and talk or share in respectful ways.
- **Keep it to yourself.** Keep passwords and information about yourself and other people private and offline as it can be easily shared, viewed, screenshot, or changed by others to mean different things. Nothing is private online.
- **Keep it careful.** Because things you do or say online can be seen by others, be careful to share the things you can feel proud of, or would be happy sharing with someone face to face.

- **Keep it positive.** Always respect others online and communicate in a positive, respectful way.
- **Post with caution.** Anything you post or do online can influence what people think of you. Put your best foot forward online.
- **Don't believe everything you see.** Always think carefully about the information you see online – not everything is true. If you are unsure of something talk to a teacher.
- **Avoid online bullying.** Creating or forwarding content that is harmful or hurtful towards someone else is not okay at any time. Sending multiple messages to somebody who doesn't want them is also considered online bullying and is never okay.
- **Be security smart.** Keep personal information secure by using strong passwords and not sharing them with other students. Always log out of a site, or device. Get permission before downloading software to the school network or connecting new devices.
- **Respect others' rights.** Always ask first if you need to use someone else's device, online sites, and their image, ideas, creations or work that's stored online.
- **Recognise other's work.** When we use or take others' work or ideas from the internet, we need to make sure we copy or use these in ways that are okay because there are rules about this. Your teacher will help you to use things you find online in the right ways.
- **Use personal devices sensibly.** Keep your device(s) on silent during school hours and only use it outside of class time unless you have been given permission to use it during lessons.
- **Seek help.** Sometimes you or someone you know will feel unsafe or come across bad or hurtful content online. If this happens talk to a trusted adult about what can be done.

## ONLINE INCIDENTS

Despite the good things technology offers and people's best intentions, sometimes things will go wrong. Sometimes these things are on purpose, and sometimes they are accidents. Turaki School will support you if something goes wrong online.

**Online bullying.** Online bullying is not accepted at our school. If you or somebody else is being bullied or criticised online, report it. Keep the content so we can investigate it. Stop any further contact with the person who is bullying. You should contact a teacher for help immediately. It's important to think about sharing what's happened with a trusted adult like a parent, a member of your whānau, or someone else who looks after you.

**Report a problem.** We need your help to keep our school safe. If you see something on the school systems that you don't think should be there, we need you to report it as soon as you can to a teacher. This is really helpful and important, so that the school can find out what the problem is and fix it as soon as possible, and help those who might need it.

**Online safety support.** Netsafe is our New Zealand online safety organisation that is able to help when things go wrong online, when we have problems with content or negative things that others are doing online. They provide free, private advice for you and your family seven days a week for all online safety challenges. They can be contacted on 0508 638723 or online at [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz)

## STUDENT STATEMENT

I know about the ways I should use digital devices and online spaces at school for learning. I know that I should be kind, careful and responsible when I use devices, and when I go online, and this is the same for the devices that school owns, or if it is my own device that I bring to school.

I know that if I behave in ways that are not safe online, or kind or responsible, that this is not okay at Turaki School. There may be some actions that my school might have to take, such as not being able to use the school device or a device I have brought from home.

I know and understand that if I bring a cell phone into school that it is my responsibility to hand this into the Office upon arrival at school. I also know and understand that I am not permitted to use a cell phone during school hours.

I understand that only the internet gateway provided by Turaki School may be accessed while at school. Personal internet connected devices including cell phones, cell network adapters, t-stick, vodem stick, are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time at school.

I understand and agree to use digital technology and the internet at school safely and for learning, whether it is on a school device or one I have brought from home.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/ WHĀNAU/ GUARDIAN DECLARATION

I understand that our school is supporting students as they learn the skills required to become successful digital citizens. Our school defines a digital citizen as someone who;

- will follow the Turaki School AROHA values of Attitude, Respect, Ownership, Honesty and Achievement when working with digital devices
- is a confident and capable user of digital devices
- uses digital devices to participate in educational, cultural, and economic activities
- uses and develops critical thinking skills in cyberspace
- is aware of digital device challenges and can manage them effectively
- uses digital devices to relate to others in positive, meaningful ways
- demonstrates honesty and integrity in their use of digital devices
- respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world
- requests permission from others (staff or students) before taking their photograph or using a photograph of them
- contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship

I understand that the school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies because it believes that they enhance the teaching and learning process.

I understand that the school encourages responsible behaviour by students when using digital devices to help protect themselves and each other from experiencing harm online. I am aware that this "Agreement" is part of that, and that it encourages students to consider how their actions can affect themselves and those around them.

I have read this Agreement and have talked with my child/ren about what it means to them. I am happy that my child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines. I am aware that if my child does not act responsibly or in a positive manner, or that their behaviour may lead to themselves and/or other people being harmed, then Turaki School may stop them from using the internet or other technology at school.

I understand that it is the parents' responsibility to monitor their child's use of digital devices out of school hours. This is not Turaki School's responsibility.

I am aware that students can experience challenges when using digital devices, but that the school makes every effort to support students to manage those challenges effectively. I understand that by learning to deal with them in a safe environment, with the appropriate support, they will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

If I have questions or concerns about the way in which digital devices are being used by my child at school, I know the school is happy to discuss this with me, and I am aware that I am welcome to do this at any time.

I am aware that my child does not require a cellphone at school as part of their digital learning. I am aware that it is my child's responsibility to hand a cellphone they may have at school into the Office upon arrival at school. I am also aware that my child is not permitted to use a cell phone during school hours. I am happy for my child to be on a school register for bringing a cellphone to school.

I understand that this register will be checked each day and if the cell phone has not been handed in I give my permission for a member of the school's senior leadership team to ask for the phone and if necessary to search my child's clothing and/or their possessions if the school believes there is an immediate threat to the physical or emotional safety of a person.

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I know that if my child makes choices or behaves in ways that don't align with this Agreement there may be consequences or outcomes that the school will talk about with me.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_