



## IT Acceptable

### Use Agreement (2025/26)

This agreement supports Berkeley Guardians' commitment to online safety and aligns with the Online Safety Act 2023, Age Appropriate Design Code 2020, Prevent Duty 2023 and UKCIS best practice.

### Pupil Agreement

I understand that using my host family's internet and devices is a privilege. I agree to:

- Ask permission before connecting to any Wi-Fi network or using devices in the homestay.
- Use only lawful, age-appropriate sites and apps, avoiding illegal, extremist, self-harm or sexually explicit content.
- Keep personal information private: never share my full name, address, school, date of birth, phone number, passwords or precise location without adult approval.
- Protect my digital reputation by posting only content I'm happy for future schools or employers to see.
- Treat others with respect online: refrain from posting, liking or sharing anything that could bully, harass, defame or harm someone else.
- Report grooming, radical content, online hate or anything that makes me feel unsafe to my host family or the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately.
- Never arrange in-person meetings with people I've only met online.
- Not attempt to bypass filters or parental controls.
- Install software or apps only with explicit permission from a responsible adult.
- Use AI tools—chatbots, image generators, translation services—only under supervision and never provide them with personal data.
- Balance screen time with offline activities: homework, sleep, exercise and face-to-face socialising.

I understand Berkeley Guardians and my host family will monitor my online use on homestay networks to keep me safe. If I breach these rules, Berkeley Guardians may intervene, restrict my access or notify my school and parents.

Signed by pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Host Family Responsibilities

Host families will:

- Provide filtered and monitored internet access in line with UKCIS and Online Safety Act 2023 guidance.
- Block access to extremist, self-harm, sexual, violent or illegal content at the router or device level.
- Model positive online behaviour, set clear screen-time routines and discuss digital wellbeing with pupils.
- Ensure any guest device connected to the network runs up-to-date antivirus and system updates.
- Notify the DSL ([karen@berkeleyguardians.com](mailto:karen@berkeleyguardians.com)) immediately of any online safety concerns, including grooming, radicalisation or self-harm indicators.
- Respect pupils' privacy while monitoring for risk categories mandated by the Age Appropriate Design Code.
- Support pupils in understanding and adhering to this agreement.

## Parent / Guardian Consent

I have read and understood this IT Acceptable Use Agreement and give permission for my child to access the internet under these conditions when in the care of Berkeley Guardians and their host family. I will:

- Reinforce safe online habits at home, including privacy settings on social media and apps.
- Keep home devices updated with security patches, antivirus and parental controls.
- Monitor my child's mobile data (4G/5G) usage and discuss reasonable limits.
- Promote digital wellbeing: encourage regular breaks, offline hobbies and open dialogue about online experiences.
- Inform Berkeley Guardians promptly of any concerns or incidents affecting my child's online safety.

Signed by parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For any questions or to report a concern, contact: Karen Pickles, Designated Safeguarding Lead –  
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