

# **Family Digital Agreement**

To create a balanced, safe, and respectful digital environment for our family, ensuring that technology enhances our lives without becoming overwhelming or harmful.

### **1**. Screen Time Balance

- Weekdays: Maximum of \_\_\_ hours per day for entertainment (movies, games, social media, etc.).
- Weekends: Maximum of \_\_\_\_ hours per day for entertainment.
- Screen-Free Zones: No devices at the dinner table, during family activities, or in bedrooms at night.
- Screen-Free Time: Daily screen-free time from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ to focus on family, hobbies, or outdoor activities.

### 2. Online Safety

- **Privacy Settings**: We will keep our profiles private and avoid sharing personal information like home addresses, phone numbers, or school details.
- **Password Security**: Use strong, unique passwords and share them only with parents (for younger children) and enable multi-factor authentication where possible.
- Stranger Interaction: Never accept friend requests or messages from strangers online.

### 3. Respectful Online Behavior

- **Be Kind**: Treat others online with respect and kindness, just as we would in real life.
- **No Cyberbullying**: We will not participate in or tolerate bullying, gossip, or harmful behavior online.
- **Think Before Posting**: Before sharing photos, videos, or posts, we will consider if it's appropriate, safe, and respectful to others.

### 4. Parental Involvement

- **Check-Ins**: Parents will periodically review the apps, games, and websites we use, and we will have open discussions about our online activities.
- **Monitoring**: Younger children will have parental controls activated, and parents may check devices to ensure safety.
- **Permission for Downloads**: We will always ask for parental permission before downloading new apps or games.

#### 5. Healthy Habits

- **Exercise & Social Time**: Prioritize physical activity, outdoor play, and face-to-face social interactions over screen time.
- **Sleep**: No screens 1 hour before bedtime to ensure healthy sleep habits.
- Education First: Homework and chores will be completed before engaging in recreational screen time.

### 6. Consequences for Breaking Guidelines

- First Offense: Warning and discussion about the behavior.
- **Second Offense**: Loss of device privileges for <u>hours</u>/days.
- **Third Offense**: Device restrictions for <u>days</u>, with a family meeting to review the agreement.

## **Family Signatures**

By signing this agreement, we commit to following these guidelines to create a balanced, safe, and respectful digital environment for our family.

Name	Signature	Date

These guidelines are flexible and can evolve as our family grows and technology changes. We will review this agreement every \_\_\_\_ months to ensure it remains effective and relevant.

