Shoreham Academy E-Safety Parent Agreement for Year 7 Students

At Shoreham Academy, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students in the digital world. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of both the academy and parents in promoting safe and responsible use of technology. By signing this agreement, parents and students agree to uphold the values of hard work, integrity, and excellence.

1. Regular Checking of Student Devices and Monitoring Screen Time

- Parents agree to regularly check their child's devices to ensure appropriate use and to monitor for any signs of cyberbullying, inappropriate content, or other online risks.

- Parents commit to monitoring their child's screen time at home to ensure a healthy balance between online and offline activities including exercise, time with family and extra-curricular activities.

2. Discussion of Safe Practices for Apps and Online Use

- Parents will engage in regular discussions with their child about safe practices for using apps and the internet, including privacy settings, recognising online dangers, and reporting any suspicious activity.

3. Ensuring Student Behaviour Aligns with Academy Values

- Parents and students agree to uphold the academy's values of hard work, integrity, and excellence in all online interactions. The academy will reinforce these values through its curriculum and by promoting positive digital behaviours.

Parents Support students with the following guidelines:

- **Avoid Large WhatsApp & Social Media Groups:** Refrain from joining large WhatsApp groups to protect your privacy and avoid exposure to harmful content.

- **Privacy Settings:** Privacy settings are there to protect you, please use them.

- **Be Kind:** Don't be somebody online that you wouldn't be face-to-face.

- **Protect Personal Information:** Never share personal information online, including your full name, address, phone number, school name, or passwords. Avoid posting photos in your school uniform.

- **Converse Safely:** Only converse with people you know or have met in real life – not everyone online is who they say they are.

- **Think Before You Post:** Students should always think before they post and ask themselves:

Is it offensive?	Is it kind?	Is it true?	Is it necessary?
Is it helpful?	Is it hurtful?	Is it fair?	Is it needed?

- **Digital Footprint:** Remind students that nothing stays hidden online. Everything they post will become part of their digital footprint.

Signatures:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____