

# Digital Passport

### For children and young people

Helping children, young people and their carers make the most of technology through relationship building and communication

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### What is a Digital Passport?

Welcome to your Digital Passport! It is designed to help your carer get to know what you like doing online and in other parts of your digital life.

#### Have your say

This is a tool to help you say what you love about being online, and if you would like to do other things, learn more and maybe be helped to explore what works best for you.

Like any Passport, it can open up exciting possibilities for you to make the most of technology. It can also be a chance for you to get help with any online issues you are worried about.

#### Your wishes will be listened to as well as those of your carers

The Digital Passport can be looked at again any time, by you and your carer, or another trusted adult. If you decide to change it, it's a good idea to put a new version number on it and the date you changed it. Then everyone will know it is your latest one.

#### Change your mind

It is OK if you change your mind about something you have said in your Passport, or if you ever have new concerns or worries. Some things will change simply because you are growing older. You can ask for help to change it or do it on your own.

#### Help with your online life

The Passport can help your carer plan how to help you enjoy your life online. It can also be a way to get help if you have been upset by anything that happened online, through your phone or through another device.

It can help you and your carer think through the different people in your life who can help give you the support you need if something happens to you online which makes you worried, upset or feels wrong.

#### Just for you

Other children in the family may have a different Digital Passport to yours. This might be because of how old they are or what is best for them.



#### How will it be used?

You can keep a copy of what you and your carer have discussed or ask them to keep it somewhere safe for you.

Your carer will keep their copy. These can be looked at again and changed from time to time. It means that people caring for you will know what has been agreed and how to help you if needed. You will not have to keep saying it all over again.

#### Do I have to fill it in?

No, you do not have to.

#### Who can see it?

These pages are for you. They could be seen by your birth family, your carers and other people who are looking out for you, like your social worker, or someone keeping you safe, like your trusted adults at school.

### You can say if you do not want some people to see it.



#### 1. What do you enjoy doing online?

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This is your chance to say what you most enjoy doing online - your favourite games, websites, or activities. These may change, so you may want to change the list from time to time.

Can you tell us why they are important to you?

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Can you tell us how much time you spend online doing each of the things you enjoy?

#### 2. Which devices are you bringing with you?

#### Do you have any of these:

Maybe you don't have any with you, that's OK, but if you do, could you tick them here?



Your carer will need to know who pays for a phone or whether a device like a laptop has been given to you by your school.



#### 3. Any special requests or questions?

This Digital Passport will help you and your carer agree on how you can use the internet or a mobile phone. Is there something you would like to learn to do online or something you need help with?

I want to ask about: I'd love to be able to:



# 4. Thinking about your digital life, what's happening at the moment?

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# Is there anything you wish your carer or another trusted adult knew about?

You can change this from time to time.



#### 5. How comfortable are you about staying safe online?

Please pick one of these below:



I understand that anyone can find they have a problem online or be in a hard situation and it is OK for me to ask for help if I am worried by anything online.

# 6. Are there any useful things you have learned about staying safe online?

Yes. Please give details:	No. Please add any comments that might be useful
Not sure. Please add any comments th	hat might be useful

#### 7. Have you ever had a scary or upsetting experience online?



## 8. Do you have any worries about anything happening online or on your phone?



If ever you feel this way, are there any adults you trust that you could talk to? You can remind yourself who they are here.

If you would prefer to talk to someone by phone or online, there are some helplines and websites you can use at this end of this document.

Who

can l tell?

### Our agreement about my digital life



#### There might be rules about who can contact me:



#### What can I do if I am worried about something, or someone makes me feel uncomfortable or upset?



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### **Support services**

#### Childline

A free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything

- 6800 1111
- childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullyingabuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/ staying-safe-online/

#### **Coram Voice**

Support and information for children and young people in care, on the edge of care and care leavers

T: 0808 800 5792

coramvoice.org.uk/get-help

#### Kooth

Online mental wellbeing community

www.kooth.com

#### **Muslim Youth Helpline**

A faith and culturally sensitive helpline service

- 0808 808 2008
- ▶ help@myh.org.uk
- myh.org.uk/how-we-can-help

#### Samaritans

Listening and support to people and communities in times of need

- 116 123
- ≥ jo@samaritans.org
- samaritans.org/how-we-can-help

#### Shout 85258

A free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service for anyone who is struggling to cope

- Text SHOUT to 85258
- diveusashout.org/get-help

#### The Mix

Free and confidential support for under 25s

- 0808 808 4994
- C Text THEMIX to 85258
- themix.org.uk/get-support

#### **Youth Access**

Youth information, advice and counselling services finder

vouthaccess.org.uk/services/findyour-local-service

### Information and advice

#### Become

A charity for children in care and young care leavers

becomecharity.org.uk/ for-young-people

#### Childnet

Information, help and advice about the internet

childnet.com/young-people

#### **Internet Matters**

Connecting Safely Online Hub - empowering all young people to have a positive time online

internetmatters.org/connectingsafely-online/advice-for-young-people

#### Kidscape

Help with bullying

kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-foryoung-people

#### Mind

Mental health and wellbeing information

- 0300 123 3393
- mind.org.uk/information-support/forchildren-and-young-people/

#### **Parent Zone**

A digital friend to support the emotional wellbeing of children aged 8-11

<u>app.ollee.org.uk/#/welcome</u>

### Reporting harmful content

A national centre designed to assist everyone in reporting harmful content online

reportharmfulcontent.com/child

#### School of Sexuality Education

Guidance on online sexual harassment and other online harms

schoolofsexed.org/s/School-of-Sex-Ed-OSH-Guidance-for-Students.pdf

#### Thinkuknow

Advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer

thinkuknow.co.uk