

Childnet

# Digital Leaders Programme

**Thank you for your interest in joining the  
Childnet Digital Champions!**

## Digital Champions 2022-23 Information pack for applicants

In this information and application pack, you'll find:

- Parents/Carers consent form
- Media consent form
- Application checklist

### **Who are the Digital Champions and what kind of things might they do?**

- Be representative of our entire Digital Leader community from across the UK and collaborate with other Digital Leaders outside of their school
- Advise the UK Government, tech organisations and schools on how to keep other young people safe online
- Contribute towards our regional and national events
- Get exclusive first hand access and contribute extensively to the development of the programme

### **So far, the Digital Champions have...**

- Played a major role in celebrating Safer Internet Day including involvement in the event itself as well as appearing on national news
- Met with MPs at the Houses of Parliament to present a Young People's Charter to show government and online stakeholders that young people deserve an internet they can trust
- Attended the Safer Internet Forum in Brussels to work with other young people from across Europe
- Taken part in consultations with major tech and social media organisations
- Championed online safety within their schools and their wider communities

It requires a 1 year commitment from December 2022 - November 2023. During this year we require one video call per month as well as some additional participation work – we don't anticipate this taking any more than 6 hours a month. Please note that we may require some support from teachers during the year to keep in contact with the Digital Champions, particularly during the first few months whilst dealing with any initial communication queries.

There may be other opportunities that Digital Champions might be asked to take part in, such as media opportunities and large scale events which may require a longer time commitment and require that they travel and have overnight stays. We will reimburse expenses they incur as part of this group such as travel and accommodation.

## Who can be a Digital Champion?

Applicants don't need to know everything about the law when it comes to staying safe online, they just need to have a passion for promoting online safety, a desire to help other young people and be a qualified Digital Leader aged 13 or over.



## How do I apply?

Please fill out the online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X8T7TRQ> and return all your signed consent forms by **Friday 11th November**. Applicants should be honest and be themselves!

Parents/carers will need to read and sign both the Parents/Carers consent form and the Media consent form. The Parents/Carers consent form states that parents/carers give permission for their child to be a Digital Champion and use the Google Classroom platform. The Media consent form states that they give permission for their child's image, work or quote to be used in any marketing material (e.g. leaflets or on our website) or, if they're very lucky, any media opportunities such as film, TV or radio.

Digital Leaders need to be available for an online interview that will last 30 minutes in the week commencing Monday 21st November (this can be before or after school). We will give the Digital Leader a confirmed date and time if they are successful in passing the application form stage.

**Complete the application checklist to ensure that everything is completed before the components are sent them to us. Please make sure ALL parts of this application pack are completed by the 11th November deadline. We cannot accept any applications that are missing any of the documents.**

Our Digital Champions want to encourage more Digital Leaders to apply:

"If I could say one thing to someone who is thinking of applying to be a Digital Champion, I would say don't allow any feelings of doubt, worry or anything else put you off it because it has been my best experience! It feels like a close family and you get to take part in a range of new and enjoyable opportunities that teach you so many skills as well as putting you in really influential positions with the ability to help and teach many people from all over. I've loved it so much and I would recommend it to everyone so, to everyone reading this, definitely try it!"

- Aimee, Digital Champion

When you have completed your application please send all your documents to [leaders@childnet.com](mailto:leaders@childnet.com)

### Please ensure you have completed ALL the below steps before sending in your application:

Completed the application form [online](#)

Your parent/carer has read and signed the **participation consent form** including consent to use Google Classroom

Your parent/carer has read and signed the **media consent form**

Your teacher has been made aware of the [Guardian's Guide to Google Classroom](#) document

You are able to do an online interview in the **week commencing Monday 21st November** (we will let you know which date and time if you are successful in passing the application stage. This can be before or after school)

You are **available to travel**, with possible residential stays (we will always give you forewarning and reimburse your expenses)

There is an adult in your life (such as parent/carer or teacher) that **can chaperone** you in case you need to travel

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that your child is applying for the Childnet Digital Leaders Digital Champions! We just wanted to write to you to explain what the group is and what will be expected of your child if their application is successful.

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- Advise the UK Government on how to keep other young people safe online
- Attend our regional and national events, with the opportunity to present and facilitate large meetings
- Get exclusive first-hand access and contribute extensively to the planning of the programme as a whole.

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**PLEASE NOTE: Students must be 13 or over to apply for the role of Digital Champions.**

### What will my child get out of being a Digital Champion?

It's our hope that the Champions get a lot out of this opportunity and use it as a meaningful learning experience to further their knowledge of online safety and be role models to all Digital Leaders. We will give them support to make the most of their time as a Digital Champion. And have fun too!

## Communication

In order to lighten the load for teachers and enable more effective and efficient communication between Childnet and the Digital Champions, we use an online platform called Google Classroom.

### What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a free online platform, accessed by a web browser. It is very trusted by schools and is used in classrooms all over the world. It enables teachers to assign work, set quizzes and communicate directly with their class. Discussion can also be held on the platform but students cannot directly message each other.

### How will Childnet use Google Classroom to contact my child?

The Childnet Digital Leaders team will use Google Classroom to set work, request feedback and communicate other participation opportunities to the Digital Champions. We will primarily use the 'Stream' section (much like a Facebook wall) to do this. The Childnet Google Classroom account is set up using the [leaders@childnet.com](mailto:leaders@childnet.com) email address – this is an inbox administered by the whole of the Digital Leaders team and so will not include any personal information that encourages 1:1 communication, such as personal email addresses. Google Classroom notifications are also sent to this inbox. Any communication that is received from any young people directly to one member of staff that requires a response will be responded to with the [leaders@childnet.com](mailto:leaders@childnet.com) email and teacher or parent copied in, along with the request to use Google Classroom where possible. If we do need to contact a Champion over email, this will be sent as above; using the [leaders@childnet.com](mailto:leaders@childnet.com) email address, copying in a teacher or parent.

We request your consent for your child to use this platform as a way for us to directly communicate with them. Please read the [Google Terms of Service](#) and if you are happy with them, please sign below. Please also see our own [Privacy Policy](#) which states how we share Digital Leaders information with external organisations. Once completed, we will hold this consent form on our records for the duration of the young person's remit as a Digital Champion. Please sign the Parent/Carer consent and Media consent forms below to give Childnet consent for your child's participation in the group and send the completed forms to [leaders@childnet.com](mailto:leaders@childnet.com).

### Our commitment to you

We take privacy and safety very seriously, and if you would like more information on the Childnet Digital Leaders Programme please visit our [parents/carers FAQ page](#). If you would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Danielle Antha, Programme Manager, on 020 7639 6967 or [danielle@childnet.com](mailto:danielle@childnet.com).

Best wishes,

Danielle Antha

Programme Manager, Childnet

## Parent/Carer consent form

**PLEASE NOTE: Parent/Carer consent is mandatory for your child to be able to participate in the Digital Champions group.**

*PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS*

### Details:

Child's first name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's surname: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's school email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer contact (to be used in an emergency)	Second emergency contact details
Name	Name
Relation to child	Relation to child
Preferred contact number	Preferred contact number
Other contact number (optional)	Other contact number (optional)

### Consent:

I \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that:

- I give consent for my child to take part in the Childnet Digital Champions group.
- I agree that my child can be in contact with members of the Childnet team (all DBS cleared; confirmation information can be shared with the school on request). This includes monthly video conferencing calls, emails etc.
- I give consent for my child to use Google Classroom in their capacity as a Digital Champion.
- I give consent for Childnet to securely store information about my child.
- I give consent for my child to attend national and regional events, which may include residential stays away from home and will ensure my child will have an adult chaperone when travelling. I understand that if I do not organise an adult to chaperone my child during any such opportunity, my child will not be able to take part.
- (OPTIONAL - DELETE IF NOT APPROPRIATE) I give consent for my child aged 16 or over to travel without an adult chaperone except where overnight stays are required.

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- If your child has any health or accessibility issues (e.g. vision/hearing impairment, allergies, dyslexia) please feel free to tell us more about these in the box below. Please be aware these optional disclosures will only be shared with the members of the team who work directly with your child and will have no bearing on the success of their application.

I confirm that I have read and agree to all of the above:

Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Childnet media consent policy

Childnet exists to “help make the internet a great and safe place for children.” Your child has the unique opportunity to contribute to Childnet’s work. In keeping with our media consent policy to protect children and promote children’s rights, we ask that you carefully review the policy information outlined in this document. If you have questions or concerns about your child’s image being used by Childnet please feel free to contact us on 020 7639 6967 or by email at [leaders@childnet.com](mailto:leaders@childnet.com).

### How are the images used?

We use images in a range of materials to promote Childnet as a whole and also to illustrate particular areas of our work. This includes (but is not limited to) publicity materials such as leaflets, brochures and posters, newspapers, magazine articles, television programmes, social media and publications for the internet. In Childnet’s publications we will never fully identify a young person in conjunction with an image. We may use partial information such as a first name and school/organisation. However, external media organisations (e.g. BBC) may require full name, school and location to be used in conjunction with an image.

### Childnet agrees to:

- Only use images of young people with the consent of their parent or carer.
- Store images and video footage of young people securely.
- Use images and video footage of young people as set out on the consent form, and with the aim to further the mission of Childnet in making the internet a great and safe place for children.
- Never fully identify a young person in conjunction with an image. We may use partial information such as a first name and school/organisation.
- Remove images or footage of young people upon written request by their parent or carer. Online photographs will be removed immediately and printed or published footage will be removed for subsequent print runs and editions.

As a parent/primary carer of \_\_\_\_\_ you hereby agree to:  
*(Child/Young person’s name)*

- Allow Childnet to use and reproduce photographs, images, and video footage of your child as outlined above\*.
- Allow Childnet to securely store images and video footage of your child for future use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Carer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As the young person whose image or video footage may be used by Childnet you agree to:

- Allow Childnet to use photographs, images, and video footage of me as outlined above\*.
- Allow Childnet to securely store images and video footage of me for future use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Young Person Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Safety and privacy in the Childnet Digital Leaders Programme

We take privacy and safety very seriously and we have set out a clear commitment to your child's school/organisation and we will communicate this to your child in an easy-to-understand way throughout their training. You may have heard of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); if you haven't, it is legislation regarding how personal data can be stored and used and is effective from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This updated Privacy Policy has been written in accordance with GDPR.

Your child will have access to our Childnet Digital Leaders platform, which will be accessed by other Digital Leaders from across the UK and their teachers/educators. To ensure this platform is a positive and safe place we are putting in place several best practice measures.

1. **Communication on the platform:** to ensure that all communication between young people is kind and supportive we will:
  - Provide clear Community Rules and Reporting features on the platform
  - Childnet and your child's teacher/educator will play an active role in monitoring communication
  - In case of any inappropriate use we have clear procedures
2. **Privacy:** We will protect your child's personal information by:
  - Securely storing information
  - Only displaying limited information on the platform
  - Asking permission before sharing anything a young person has posted on the platform
  - Offering children the right to remove any data we store about them
  - We will delete your child's personal information after they have left the programme
3. **Safety:** We have the following child protection procedures in place:
  - Our staff are all DBS checked, and undergo rigorous recruitment procedures. We have in place clear internal procedures about how and when our staff are able to access the platform or communicate with young people.
  - We have a clear process for handling disclosures and will involve your child's school/organisation immediately in the case of any concerns.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact **Danielle Antha, Programme Manager**, on 020 7639 6967 or [danielle@childnet.com](mailto:danielle@childnet.com).

### Your child's responsibilities

As Childnet Digital Leaders, young people have a responsibility to behave in a kind, respectful and supportive way throughout the programme, both in school, online and in other contexts. Please see attached the **Ethos and Values** of the programme, which your child will receive in their training.

We expect young people to fulfil their responsibility to protect their own and others privacy on the platform by not sharing personal information and to seek support.