



Parental Consent Letter



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our children are growing up in a dynamic digital world. They are comfortable using a wide variety of digital devices, sometimes more skillfully than we do. But being talented navigators can give our children a false sense of security. Sadly, we often hear news of a child's safety being compromised as a result of curious digital explorations, leading to harmful consequences such as encounters with privacy invasion, cyber-bullying, and online predators. These experiences are as frightening as they are real.

From a young age, your child learned important life skills such as how to carefully cross the street and how to be cautious of strangers. Today, it's just as important for your child to know how to be safe, smart, and responsible in the digital world. **This is why our class will begin the international award-winning DQ World Program, DQWorld.NET.** The program is based on a holistic, play-and-learn online learning platform that teaches digital citizenship skills such as privacy protection, digital empathy, and critical thinking.

We look forward to your child's participation. Participants will complete survey questions as part of their online learning, and insights from this data will be used to enhance your child's digital citizenship skills, to mitigate his or her cyber risk, and to inform future digital education policy. We seek your consent in allowing your child to participate in this research. Rest assured, your child's data will be kept private and used for no unrelated purposes.

Once the program has begun, talk regularly to your child about what he or she learned and encourage completion of the program. Upon successful completion, your child will receive a unique DQ Profile that summarizes his or her digital intelligence. If you are interested in more detailed progress reports, lesson plans, and related DQ World activities to support your child, please visit www.DQInstitute.org. **If you wish for your child to participate in our global research and education project, simply submit the attached Parental Opt-Out Form.**

We hope that, by actively participating in the DQ World online program and related school activities, your child will gain the critical thinking skills and essential moral values to thrive in our dynamic digital era.



PARENTAL OPT-IN FORM

Please complete this section **only if you wish for your child to participate** in #DQEveryChild – a global research and education project.

Child's Name :

School :

Class :

Name of Parent :

Parent's Signature :

Date :
