Online Safety – Code of Conduct

Edge Hill University understands the importance of children and young people being able to use the internet for education and personal development. This includes social media platforms, learning platforms, games and apps. We aim to support children and young people in making use of these in our work. However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be in place to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

This agreement is part of our overarching code of behaviour for children and young people and staff. It also links with our overarching institutional safeguarding policy. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Ruth Slater, Student Recruitment Operations Manager via slaterr@edgehill.ac.uk

More information about online safety can also be found via: learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguardingchild-protection/online-safety-for-organisations-and-groups

For the young person:

When participating in EHU online activities, we expect you to adhere to the following:

- Participants will be responsible for their behaviour when using the internet to access activities. This includes the resources you access and the language you use.

- I will not deliberately browse, download or upload material in sessions that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material I will report it immediately to EHU staff who can be contacted via email (educationliaison@edgehill.ac.uk) or via a chat function during live sessions.

- I will not send anyone material during EHU online activities that could be considered threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal.

- I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number or address.

- I will not reveal access information (such as weblinks or passwords) to anyone or allow other non-registered individuals to access the sessions.

- I will not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone I meet online during EHU virtual activities.

- If I am concerned or upset about anything I see on the internet or any messages that I receive whilst participating in EHU virtual outreach activities, I know I can talk to an Edge Hill University member of staff delivering the online sessions or can contact the team via educationliaison@edgehill.ac.uk.

- I understand that my participation in Edge Hill University's online activity will be monitored and logged and can be made available to an appropriate adult. I understand that these rules

are designed to keep me safe and that if I choose not to follow them, Edge Hill University staff may contact my parents/carers or similar appropriate adult.

We would encourage you to discuss this document with your parents or carers. If you have any questions about anything you have read, please let us know via educationliaison@edgehill.ac.uk