

**Parental Authorisation Form for Children / Young Persons to use the
Waitakere Library & Information Services Learning Centres**

The staff of Waitakere Library and Information Services make every effort to ensure that children using the Libraries and Learning Centres are safe and do not access or accidentally view inappropriate material while using computers. However:

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a caregiver/ parent at all times whilst in the Learning Centre or Library. Staff are not responsible for supervising any children using these facilities.

While the Libraries and Learning Centres will attempt to block access to Internet sites with explicit content, such as violent, offensive or pornographic content, we cannot guarantee that users will not encounter sites which they find offensive.

Library and Learning Centre staff will assist children in the safe use of the Internet, this does not mean that staff accept responsibility for supervising that use. Parents and caregivers have the primary responsibility for supervising their children's use of the Internet whilst using computers in the libraries or learning centres.

Waitakere Library and Information Services agree to allow

to continue to visit and use Waitakere Libraries and Learning Centres with the understanding that:

- The child named above is under the age of 16.
- The parent/caregiver understands that this does not mean that Waitakere Libraries and Learning Centres have entered into an agreement to monitor the content of websites that their child may access.
- The parent/caregiver gives permission for the child to use the Internet at Libraries and Learning Centres in Waitakere and agrees that the child will abide by the rules and regulations of Waitakere Library and Information Services.

Child's Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Library Barcode: 1 0 0 1 4 0

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date Signed: _____ **Date Processed:** _____

Waitakere Library and Information Services reserve the right to exclude participants who breach the rules of the Learning Centres and Libraries.

Rules for Learning Centres

1	Headphones must be worn when listening to websites with sound or CD's. Ask a staff member to explain how you can use a set of LC headphones.
2	Bad language and/or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.
3	Use of Learning Centre computers is permitted for both adults and children equally.
4	Use of computers for study purposes takes priority.
5	Violent or offensive games MUST NOT be played on Learning Centre computers.
6	Do not create, display, download, copy, produce or circulate any offensive, pornographic, racist, menacing, violent or defamatory material.
7	One person at a time on each computer unless the computer is shared for study purposes only.
8	Do not share your logon or password with anyone.
9	Social chatting in the learning centre is prohibited. Please keep the noise level low as there are other patrons working.
10	Put all your rubbish in the bin when you leave.
11	Do not leave your belongings unattended.
12	Talking on cell phones in the learning centre is prohibited.
13	Food is prohibited in the learning centres.
14	Water is allowed in sipper bottles and coffee in cups with lids only.
15	Children under 16 years will need to have a signed authorisation form to use the computers in the libraries and learning centres from 1/12/2007.
16	We expect you to abide by the current New Zealand legislations regarding internet usage. For further information on NZ legislation refer to: http://www.legislation.govt.nz

Child & Parent to read the rules and sign below please.

I have read and understand the above Learning Centre Rules and agree to be bound by them.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____