Parental Supervision Agreement

I understand that it is my responsibility to protect my family and to help them receive the best of what the Internet has to offer. In that spirit, I agree to the following:

1. **<u>I will listen calmly</u>:** If my child comes to me with a problem related to his online experiences I promise not to get angry but to do my best to help my child resolve this situation.
2. **<u>I will set a good example</u>:** I will not spend too much time online, nor will I encourage illegal or unethical behaviour there.
3. **<u>I will be reasonable</u>:** I will set reasonable rules and expectations for Internet usage. These rules will be based on advice from appropriate authorities and experts (and not on horror stories I hear from irresponsible sources). I will establish reasonable consequences for lapses in judgement on the part of my child.
4. **<u>I will accord my child dignity</u>:** I will respect the friendships that he may make online as I would his offline friends. I will not laugh at him for caring about strangers he's never met.
5. **<u>I will not be a snoop</u>:** I promise not to go further than I need to in order to ensure my child's safety. I will not read diaries or journals, nor will I inspect e-mails or transmissions from other relatives or trusted offline friends.
6. **<u>No drastic measures</u>:** No matter what happens, I understand that the Internet is an important tool that could be essential to his success in school or business, and I promise not to ban it entirely.
7. **<u>I will be involved</u>:** I will spend time with my child and be a part of his online activities and relationships - just as I do offline.

I have read and understand the above guidelines. I understand that my co-operation and help is needed as my child navigates this new universe. I support his efforts to be responsible and safe, and encourage his use of this resource.

_____, _____
Name   Date

_____, _____
Parent   Date

This material was taken from the Cyberangels Website: http://www.cyberangels.org/homefront/parentagreement.html