

RELATIONSHIPS

Worksheet: Types of digital consent

Active

The person is given a clear option to agree or disagree to something happening and fully understands what they are agreeing to. This is also known as explicit consent.

Passive

The person is given the option to decline consent. If they do not do so within a set timeframe, then consent is granted by default. This is also known as opt-out consent.

Assumed

Consent has been inferred from a person's actions, current situation or relationship to another person or group. This is also known as implicit consent.

No consent given

Consent has not been considered or requested in a situation and the person is most likely not aware of what is happening.

The following scenarios require consent. Match a scenario with a consent type listed above.

Last time you went to a match you agreed that your friend could post photos of you together. You go to a match again, they take some photos and post these too.

You have started receiving newsletters from a company that you bought some clothes from. When you check their site the box was pre-ticked for receiving the newsletter.

One of your parents asks, "Can I send this photo of you to Granny?"

Your brother takes a photo of you whilst you are asleep on the couch.

When you are buying some trainers the attendant asks for your email address in order to send you the receipt.

A parent / guardian fills out a consent form in order for you to complete a research survey for the school.

You fell over in the corridor at school and someone took a photo without you realising. Later that day it has been turned into a meme and shared around school.

You suddenly notice that your profile on an app has been changed to public. You did notice a notification about this happening but you hadn't got round to changing your settings.

Answer sheet: digital consent

Last time you went to a match you agreed that your friend could post photos of you together. You go to a match again, they take some photos and post these too.



Assumed consent

They have assumed that as it was ok last time, it will be ok again this time.

One of your parents asks, "Can I send this photo of you to Granny?"



Active consent

They asked you and gave you a choice.

You fell over in the corridor at school and someone took a photo without you realising. Later that day it has been turned into a meme and shared around school.



No consent given

You weren't aware of the photo being taken so could not choose how it would be used.

When you are buying some trainers the attendant asks for your email address in order to send you the receipt.



Active consent

They asked you so you have a choice to say no.

You have started receiving newsletters from a company that you bought some clothes from. When you check their site the box was pre-ticked for receiving the newsletter.



Passive consent

The company have left it for you to change this and if you don't then consent is automatically granted.

Your brother takes a photo of you whilst you are asleep on the couch.



No consent given

You weren't aware of the situation and didn't have a choice.

You suddenly notice that your profile on an app has been changed to public. You did notice a notification about this happening but you hadn't got round to changing your settings.



Passive consent

The timeframe given for changing settings for yourself has most likely passed so this has been done automatically.

A parent / guardian fills out a consent form in order for you to complete a research survey for your school.



Active

Parental/guardian consent is required for a young person to participate in research, but good practice also requires the young person's agreement.