

CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

I would like to communicate with Meggan Levson, Speech-Language Pathologist regarding my child _____ via:

- Email
- Text messages
- Video conferencing (including Skype, Facetime)

I understand that there are risks associated with electronic communication. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand and accept the risks, limitations, conditions of use, and instructions for use of the selected electronic communication. I will follow the instructions outlined in this consent form.

Risks of using electronic communication

Meggan Levson, Speech-Language Pathologist will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of information sent and received using electronic communication. However, because of the risks outlined below, the security and confidentiality of electronic communications cannot be guaranteed:

- Online services have a right to archive and inspect emails sent through their systems.
- Electronic communications can introduce malware and potentially damage or disrupt the computer, networks, and security settings.
- Electronic communications can be forwarded, intercepted, circulated, stored or changed without the knowledge or permission of Meggan or the patient.
- Even after the sender and recipient have deleted copies of electronic communications, back-up copies may exist on a computer system.

If email or text is used as an e-communication tool, the following are additional risks:

- Email and text messages can be misdirected, resulting in increased risk of being received by unintended and unknown recipients.
- Email and text messages can be easier to falsify than handwritten or signed hard copies.

Conditions of using electronic communication

- Meggan Levson, Speech-Language Pathologist cannot guarantee that all electronic communication will be reviewed and responded to within any specific period of time. Therefore any urgent or time sensitive matter must be communicated in person or via phone.
- If you have not received a response within a reasonable time period, it is your responsibility to follow up to determine that the electronic communication was received.
- Electronic communication is not an appropriate substitute for in-person or over-the-telephone communication or clinical examinations.
- Meggan Levson, Speech-Language Pathologist is not responsible for information loss due to technical failures associated with your software or internet service provider.

Instructions for communicating electronically

To communicate electronically, you must:

- Take precautions to preserve the confidentiality of electronic communications by avoiding use of an employer's or other third party's computer.
- Inform Meggan of any changes in your email address, mobile phone number, or other account information necessary to communicate electronically.
- Ensure Meggan is aware when you receive an electronic communication by a reply message or allowing "read receipts" to be sent.
- Withdraw consent only by email or written communication to Meggan Levson, Speech-Language Pathologist.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT:

I give permission for Meggan Levson, Speech-Language Pathologist to communicate with me electronically and that electronic messages may include my/ my child's personal health care information and that these messages may be included in my/my child's medical record. I acknowledge that either I or Meggan may, at any time, withdraw the option of communicating electronically by providing written notice to the other party.

Child's name: _____

Name of person providing consent: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____

Skype/Facetime address : _____

Signature : _____ Date : _____