App Safety Check

App Name: _____

1. Age Rating & Content

- ☐ Does the app/game have a clear age rating?
- ☐ Is the content appropriate for your child's age?
- ☐ Are there any explicit, violent, or inappropriate themes?

2. Privacy & Personal Information

- ☐ What personal information does the app/game collect?
- ☐ Does the app offer a clear privacy policy?
- ☐ Can you limit who sees your child's profile or game status?

3. Chat & Communication

- ☐ Does the app/game include chat or messaging features?
- ☐ Can you disable or restrict chat features?
- ☐ Is there a system to filter inappropriate content or conversations?

4. Friend & Connection Requests

- ☐ Can users be friend or follow each other?
- ☐ Can friend requests be turned off or restricted to known friends?
- ☐ Can players interact without being friends?

5. Reporting & Moderation

- ☐ Is there a clear way to report inappropriate behaviour or content?
- ☐ Does the app/game have active moderators or community managers?
- ☐ How quickly does the platform respond to reports?

6. Feedback & Reviews

- ☐ Have you checked reviews from other parents?
- ☐ Are there recurrent issues or concerns raised in the reviews?
- ☐ Does the app/game have a generally positive reputation?

7. Time Management

- ☐ Can you set time limits or curfews for play/use?
- ☐ Does the app/game have a built-in feature for this?

8. Parental Controls

- ☐ Does the app/game offer comprehensive parental control settings?
- ☐ Are these controls easy to set up and manage?

9. Cybersecurity

- ☐ Is the app/game frequently updated to ensure security?
- ☐ Have there been past issues with security breaches?

Your Notes:

Remember to revisit this checklist periodically, especially if the app/game receives significant updates or if your child's usage patterns change. Your child's online safety is a journey, not a destination.