Social Media Aware

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites?

WhatsApp

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms
action for children

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

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LinkedIn
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Whatsapp
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Vine
Tinder
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Path
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YouTube
Foursquare
WeChat
Keek
Flickr
Kik
18 (13 with parents' permission)

YouTube

Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that many of our young children have their own mobile phones.

Over the past weeks, several parents at Daubeney have raised their concerns with regards to online safety.

Children are on Apps such as 'WhatsApp' forming groups. This has lead to complications and risks such as, strangers contacting them and disputes amongst friendship groups having to be resolve at school.

We understand that the internet is an amazing resource for adults and children, however, we endeavor for children to be safe and if they are not, to know what to do.

Please take a look at our leaflet to support your family keep safe online.

If you have any concerns or would like to support with online safety we will be happy to help.

Hints and Tips for Parents:

- Technology is constantly changing and young people are continually learning - keep up to date on latest developments so you know about the risks

- Online safety applies to all types of devices - PCs, laptops, tablets, smartphones, e-readers and online gaming

- As technology becomes more portable, set guidelines for where your child could/should use their device

- Treat online safety in the same way as you would offline safety such as stranger danger, crossing the road etc.

- Set up internet security so children cannot access websites with adult and inappropriate content - go to the link below to support with setting up parent control

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/
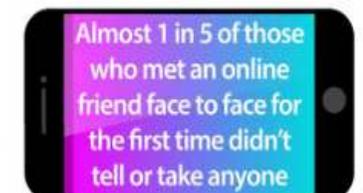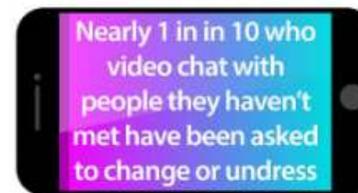
- Don't write anything online that you would not say in person. Comments made on social media and/or public web pages/forums could reflect badly on your child

- Take a look at our safeguarding and child protection Policy to see what we do in school promote online safety

https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/files/about-us/policies/Child%20Protection%20and%20Safeguarding%20Policy%20Sept%202018.pdf

- Cyber bullying should be treated in the same way as other forms of bullying; contact your child's school to agree a plan for dealing with it

- Be aware that 'sexting' increasingly involves younger children, some as young as 10

- Try to establish a system which allows your child to talk to you about anything they feel uncomfortable about online

Things to Discuss with Children:

- Where is it acceptable to use your portable device? Bedroom? School?

- Who should you talk to if you feel uncomfortable about something you have seen online? e.g. parent, teacher or other responsible adult

- Don't spend too long online; make sure you get some physical exercise every day

- Keep passwords safe – don't write them down and change them regularly

- What personal information is it appropriate to post online?

- How do you report cyber bullying? Take a screen grab of any posts so these can be seen at a later date if needed

- How do you know the people you are talking to online, are who you think they are?

- What is the difference between a 'real life' friend and an 'online friend'

- When is it sensible to meet up with an online friend?

40,000 pupils took part in this year's LGfL DigiSafe pupil online-safety survey about their online lives.

You can take a look at the survey report , 'Hopes & Streams' on the link. https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/hopesandstreams