

Online Safety BULLETIN

Think before you click

Stay safe • Be kind • Make good choices



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This month's focus...



Age Restrictions on Messaging Apps

Many popular apps, including WhatsApp and Snapchat, have a minimum age requirement of 13. Some apps marketed at younger children, such as JusTalk Kids, offer ways to communicate online before children meet the age requirements for other platforms. All messaging apps, even apps designed for children, need to be used carefully, with appropriate parental supervision and safety settings.

Parents and carers should check age guidance, privacy settings, who children can contact and how they communicate.

Remember our school value of **friendship** online too: always be kind, respectful and supportive, and tell a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.

Remember to stay safe and kind online:

- 🔒 Keep personal information private.
- 👋 Only communicate with people you know and trust.
- 💛 Always be kind and respectful to others online.
- 💬 Tell a trusted adult if something online worries you.



SAFE

Keep your personal information private.



MEET

Don't meet strangers online.



ACCEPTING

Be careful what you click on.



RELIABLE

Ask yourself: is this information trustworthy?



TELL

Tell a trusted adult.