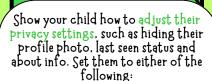


A Guide for Parents & Carers

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

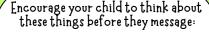
Privacy



My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only Nobody: not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

Messaging



- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- · You don't have to join in!

Contacts



Teach them not to accept messages from unknown contacts.

Go over with your child how to add, block and report contacts.

Group Chats

If a child is added into a Group Chat, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to Settings -> Privacy -> Groups. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they know and trust

Location

WhatsApp allows users to share their location with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others track your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about keeping this feature disabled.

Check

Check in with your child regularly to review their phone settings.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and how often they are using the messaging app.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are staying safe and happy



Encourage your child to come to you if ANYTHING online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

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