



Online Newsletter

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#OnlineSafetyAtHome

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4-5 years

5-7 years

8-10 years

11-13 years

14+ years

TOP TIPS



Misinformation and fake news is continuing to spread online, particularly about the coronavirus. This can be very worrying for children and adults don't always know where to go for support. **FullFact** is an independent UK charity that fact checks news. Visit the site to check whether news you or your child has read is true or not.

<https://fullfact.org/>

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY— WHATSAPP

With over 1.5 billion users world wide, WhatsApp is one of the most popular and most commonly used social media apps, allowing friends to message and call each other for free. It is very popular amongst young people, despite the minimum age requirement being 16. By default, WhatsApp will automatically set privacy settings to allow any WhatsApp user to view and read 'last seen' messages, profile photo and status. If you don't share your last seen information, you won't be able to see other people's last seen information. Here are some simple tips for using WhatsApp safely if you allow your child to use it:



- Manage who can see when your child was 'last seen online', as well as their profile photo and status, by changing the settings to ensure only contacts in their address book can see view that information.
- Turn location sharing off. If this setting is switched on, then any images and videos shared by your child will be displayed on a map, revealing where the photo was taken. This is potentially extremely dangerous.
- Block or delete users if they are posting inappropriate content.

Click on the images to the right for more help on protecting your children online.

If you have an urgent online safety concern that you feel you need support with, please contact your child's school:

Priory Fields: 01304 211543

St Martin's: 01304 206620

Vale View: 01304 202821

Remember, if you think your child is in danger you should call the police.

