What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted—it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



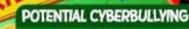
WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes— encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (alming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for mency to be transferred to help with an emergency.

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CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are everyone, my contacts and 'nobody' - choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING 🐷

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

LEAVE A GROUP

if your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use whatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

your child needs to use the 'live scation' function to show you or ne of their friends where hey are, advise them to hare their location only or as long as they need to that App gives a range of live location' options, and your hild should manually stop sharing heir position as soon as it is no many many mades.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

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You can now fact—check
WhatsApp messages that
have been forwarded at
least five times, by
double-tapping the
magnifying glass icon to the
right of the message. From
there, your child can lounch a
Google search and decide for
themselves whether the
message was true or not.



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