

Important WhatsApp information for parents and teachers

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In its latest updates WhatsApp – the popular Facebook-owned chat application has stopped asking for any age verification for new users – meaning any child in charge of a smartphone can easily use the application to share photographs and videos without their parents' (or teacher's !) knowledge.

What is the minimum age to legally use WhatsApp in the UK? In the UK you need to be 16 to legally use WhatsApp.

How can parents monitor their child's WhatsApp?

WhatsApp is secure and encrypted so it cannot be intercepted. You can, however, set up a second device allowing you to participate in their chats and conversations. You can access the information and guide on the parentshield.co.uk website [here](#)

What precautions can Parents take?

*** Use a child-safe mobile network**

*** Check a child's phone regularly to see what Apps are installed* Use Parental Controls to restrict app installation to chosen apps* Set privacy settings on any chat applications to restrict sharing with known contacts only**

Why is WhatsApp dangerous?

By default WhatsApp allows unrestricted sharing of voice, text images and videos with any other user anywhere in the world.

Personal information, profile picture, and even location can easily be shared with hundreds of strangers.

Why ParentShield different?

ParentShield intercepts and BLOCKS any WhatsApp (And Snapchat, and Signal, and Telegram!) setup verification SMS messages and informs parents instantly. <https://parentshield.co.uk>

ParentShield SchoolBlock Prevents usage at School

BLOCK USE DURING SCHOOL HOURS



This phone cannot be used during the hours
09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday.

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