WhatsApp safety guide for parents

16+
WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%
Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%
Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

1. Review privacy settings
   WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.

2. Customise contacts
   Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.

3. Talk about personal information
   Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.

4. Show them where to get support
   If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.

5. Check in regularly
   Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.