



## Social Media - General Awareness 2

Parents/guardians should maintain a constant scrutiny of their child's devices (e.g. phone, tablet, laptop).

You may not realise, but there is actually a minimum age to use apps such as Snapchat or Facebook. Most photo and video messaging apps require users to be at least 13 years old to use them. Therefore, most social media sites are not suitable for primary children and I would encourage you to delete any such apps from your child's devices.

If you don't see an app, but suspect your child may have downloaded one or more, you can check in the updates section of the App Store under 'Purchased'. All the apps ever downloaded should be stored there.

While deleting an app takes care of the immediate issue, there may be a larger issue at hand when it comes to the use of social media by your child. Please take the opportunity to have a conversation about social media and the internet at home.

Children need to be made aware that nothing online is truly anonymous or temporary. Also if they post something inappropriate it will most likely be investigated by the PSNI.

For further information visit:

[www.ceop.police.uk/safetycentre/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safetycentre/)  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

Yours sincerely

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