



Safeguarding Newsletter 4

Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

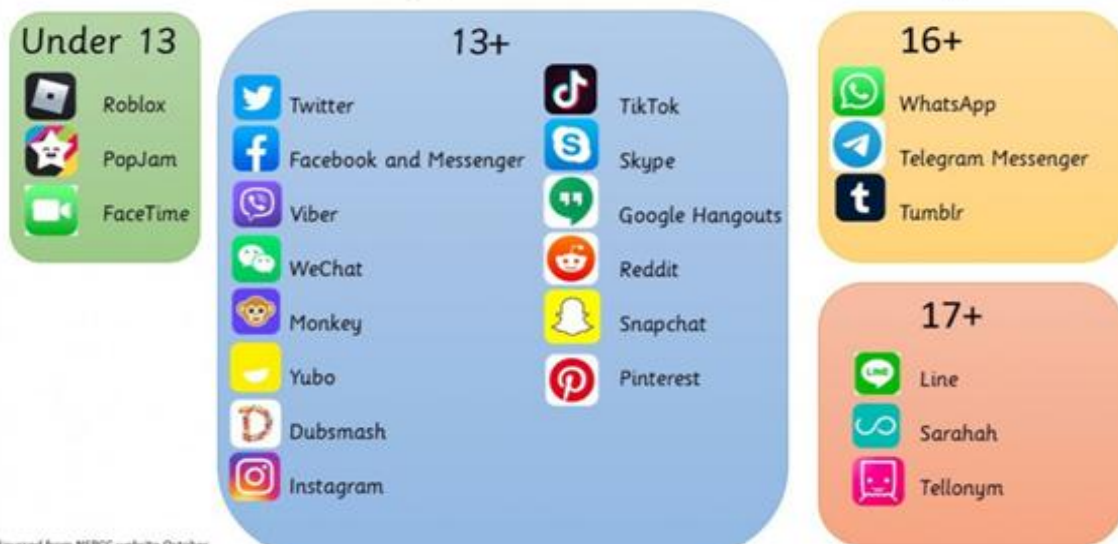
Welcome to our latest edition of the newsletter from our safeguarding team. Our aim, as always, is to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues that we feel will be of importance to you. In this edition you will find some useful advice on social media age limits (including WhatsApp) as well as updates and information on our school filtering & monitoring systems.

The digital technology world is developing every day, and most children now have access to a digital device whether a phone, tablet or laptop. For a lot of children, a great deal of time is now being spent online and they are accessing devices at a very early age. Children can sometimes be more advanced than parents and are accessing games, links and apps easily online, without knowing the risks.

We aim to provide parents, staff and children with the knowledge they need to understand the online risks so that we can all work together to keep children safe online but, despite all the work we do about online safety, and the very strong message about this which comes from school, we increasingly see children accessing games and apps with an age limit above their own. This is increasingly leading to problems for children with their peers as well as wider concerns about their online safety.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



In today's digital age, social media platforms are an integral part of many children's lives, but it's important to remember that these platforms often have age restrictions in place for a reason. Most popular social media sites, such as Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok, have a **minimum age requirement of 13** to ensure that users are mature enough to handle the content and interactions they may encounter online.

For primary school children, engaging with social media can expose them to inappropriate material, cyberbullying, and privacy risks. At Amotherby School, we encourage parents to monitor and discuss their child's online activities, as well as to ensure they are adhering to age-appropriate guidelines for their safety and well-being. By fostering open conversations about internet use, we can help keep our children safe while navigating the digital world.

Filtering & Monitoring - Online Safety

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In primary schools, filtering and monitoring systems are put in place to keep children safe while they use the internet. These systems block access to inappropriate websites and carefully monitor online activity to protect students from harmful content. One of the tools used for this is Smoothwall, a trusted web filtering system designed for schools. Its main purpose is to make sure children can access the internet safely, by blocking harmful sites and ensuring that their online activities are closely monitored. This helps give parents peace of mind, knowing their children are being kept safe while using the internet at school.

Please follow this link for more information about digital safety in the home

[Smoothwall Digital Safety Pack final.pdf](#)

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999

DSL Team



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Thank you for taking the time to read our safeguarding newsletter. If you ever have any concerns about your child's safety or well-being, please don't hesitate to contact the school directly. We're here to support you and ensure that every child remains safe and protected at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Brazier

Headteacher