



Privacy and Security

Year 4 Online Safety Home Learning

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Hello families,

We are learning about privacy and security online and how some online services ask for permission to store information about us.

It is important that we understand what we are agreeing to, know the minimum age for many apps and websites, and know who to ask for help if we are unsure.



What we are learning



To describe how some online services may seek consent to store information about me.

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To know what the digital age of consent is.



To know how to get help if I am unsure about consenting to an online service.



Questions to ask

- What sort of personal data do online services collect? Why?
- What are 'Terms of Use'?
- What is a 'Privacy Policy'?
- Why is the minimum age for lots of online services 13?
- How is children's personal information protected online?
- What can I do if I want to use an app but don't understand (or agree with) the Terms of Use or Privacy Policy?

1 What information do apps collect?

Online services may collect different types of information about you, such as:



Your name and age



Your email address



Your location (where you are)



Photos and videos



Your interests and activity



Who you talk to

They collect this information to make the service work, to keep you safe, to personalise your experience and sometimes for advertising.

2 Look out for consent boxes

When you sign up to an app or website you might see a consent box like this:



StarChat

We need your permission

To use StarChat, we need to collect and store some of your personal information such as your name, age, photos and location. Please read our [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

☐ I agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

Create Account

3 What do these mean?



Terms of Use

- Explain the rules for using the service.
- Tell you what you can and can't do.
- Include the minimum age (often 13+).
- Explain what might happen if you break the rules.



Privacy Policy

- Explains what information is collected.
- Tells you how it will be stored and used.
- Explains who it might be shared with.
- Lets you know your rights and how to change your settings.

4 The digital age of consent

Many online services have a minimum age of 13. This is because of data protection laws and the Children's Code which gives extra protection to children online.

13+

If you are under 13, you should not sign up to these services. Always check the age rating before creating an account.



5 Your choices

Before you agree, think...



Do I understand what they are asking for?



Do I feel happy for them to store this information?



Is the app or website suitable for my age?



Have I read (or had help to read) the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy?



Can I change my settings later if I need to?

6 If you are unsure...

If you don't understand the Terms of Use or Privacy Policy, or you don't agree with them, you should:



Ask a trusted adult (such as a parent, carer or teacher).



Look for a child-friendly explanation.



Choose not to sign up.



Consider an alternative app or website.

It's OK to say 'no'!

You are in control of what information you share online.



Talk Together

- Have you ever seen a consent box when signing up to an app?
- What information do you think is fair for an app to collect?
- How could we find out more if we are unsure?



Key Message

Think before you agree. Read (or get help to read) the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy and only share information if you are happy.



Parent/Carer Tip

Explore privacy settings together on apps and devices. Talk about the information that is shared and how to manage permissions. Encourage your child to always ask if they are unsure.



Play Extension

Choose a popular app or game and research (with an adult) the minimum age, what information it collects and how you can change the privacy settings. Create a poster or list to share with your class.



Be Safe | Be Kind | Be Aware

Further support and information

- NSPCC
- UK Safer Internet Centre
- Childnet



For more advice and guidance, visit our Online Safety page on the Trinity School website.

