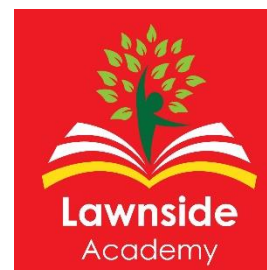


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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday 7th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

The theme this year is **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'** Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Lawnside Academy, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Children often want to use and have access to a number of social media platforms. Below is a guide to the age restrictions for common social media apps and games. Allowing children who are younger to access these may subject them to unsuitable content and emphasises why it is important to talk with your children about what they are seeing.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

To support your child at home, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents. Taking just 5 minutes to start a conversation about online safety is important and there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. The Lawnside Academy website also contains a lot of useful information <https://www.lawnsideacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Computing&pid=36>.



If you have any concerns or would like more information please speak with myself, your child's classroom teacher or any of our safeguarding leads.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Dawson

