

## PARENTS

The recommended ages for all the apps listed are above primary school age. Therefore, it is advised that our children are not to have access to them.

However, if you are happy for your child to use them it is your responsibility as the parent to ensure they are using them safely and remove them from the apps/websites if necessary.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the apps that your children are using then please come and see the Family Support Team.

(Details overleaf)

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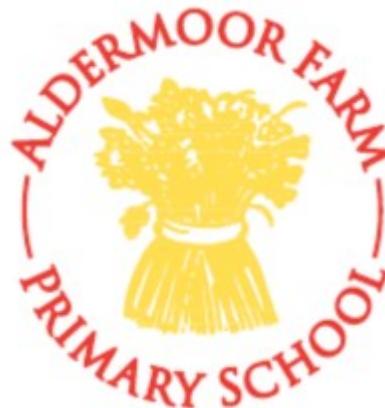
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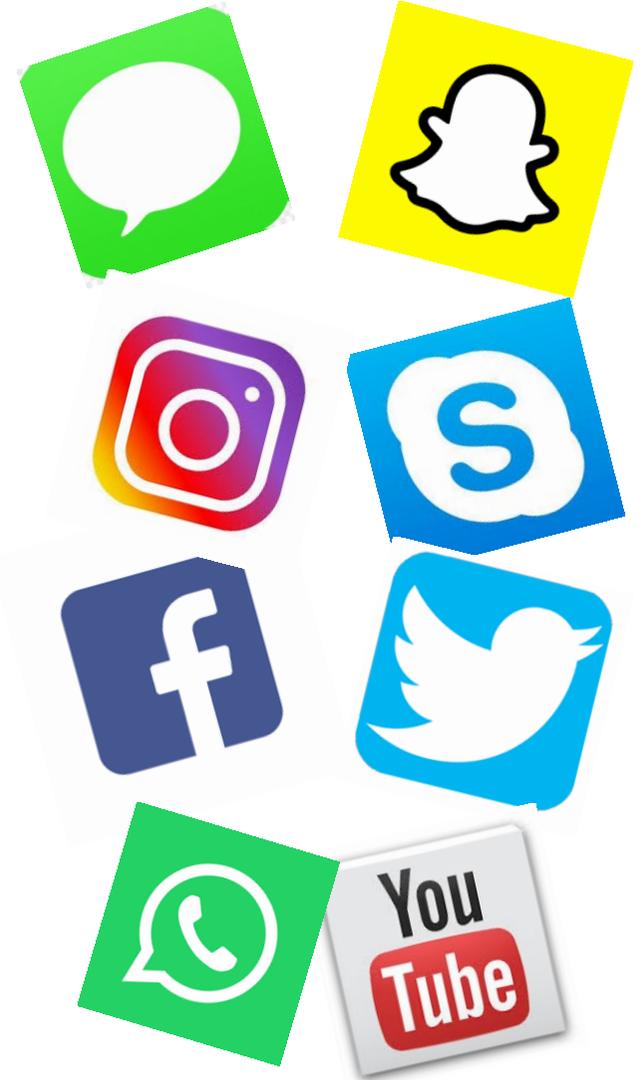
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# E Safety



# Leaflet

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## Staying Safe Online

### **YouTube** You must be 13 years old

to use YouTube. YouTube is a video sharing platform. People can leave inappropriate comments on videos. Videos with inappropriate content can be posted to the site that may be unsuitable for a young person to view.

### **SnapChat** You must be 13 years old

to use Snapchat. Because photos seemingly disappear, you might be tempted to send pictures that you would not send via another app. Remember users can screenshot photos that are sent. You should never send any photos of your body on Snapchat.

### **Skype** You must be 13 years old to

use Skype. Skype is a video chat service. You must only Skype with people that you know, blocking anyone that tries to add you if you do not know them.

### **Whatsapp** You must be 16 years old

to use Whatsapp. Whatsapp is an instant messaging service. Group chats can be created which can, in some circumstances encourage bullying. Think about the messages you are sending and whether some comments can be removed.

### **Instagram** You must be 13 years old

to use Instagram. Instagram is a popular photo sharing app. There can be inappropriate photos on Instagram which may have inappropriate comments. Make sure you set your account to private so only your friends can see your photos.

### **Facebook** You must be 13 years old to

use Facebook. Facebook is a great way to keep up to date with your friends and share photos. However, you can use any name or profile picture so people may be hiding their true identity. Make sure you only add people you know well. Comments can be taken differently online, think about what you say before you type.

### **Twitter** You must be 13 years

old to use Twitter. Twitter is mainly used for sharing short comments or messages. You should never speak to people you do not know on the app.

### **TikTok** You must be 12 years old

to use TikTok. TikTok is a video-sharing app. Users can upload and share short videos of themselves lip-syncing to songs or acting out comedy sketches, and add special effects. They can gain followers and browse other people's videos. TikTok has a reputation for being unusually free of trolling and danger. But you may have seen news reports or heard concerns about some users harassing children for nude images and videos.