

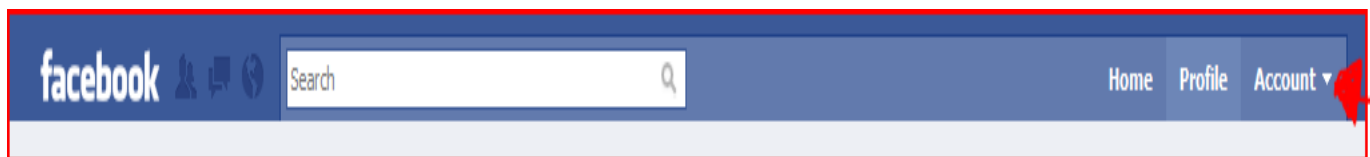
Many children are now using face book and other social networking sites for socialising with their friends. Often the children set up their accounts themselves and put in an age of 14 or older, this may mean they have unknowingly not set their profile to safe privacy settings and consequently may have left their profiles wide open for users who are not direct friends to view.

This is a basic guide for parents who are not familiar with facebook and its settings so that you are able to check your child's account and that they have a safer and securer account and are not as susceptible to strangers trying to contact them or retain private information from their profiles.

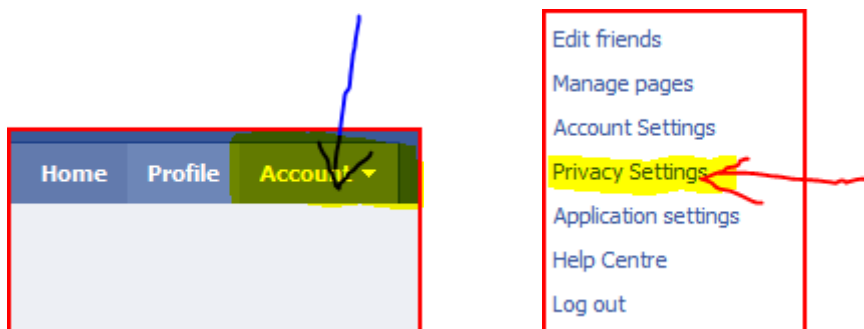
It is also a good idea for the parents to keep the password of their children's account so they are able to check the account on a regular basis.

Privacy settings

1. With the profile logged in go to account at the top right of the page



2. Press and go to privacy settings



3. Go to view settings

Choose your privacy settings

Basic directory information
To help real-world friends find you, some basic information is open to everyone. We also suggest setting basics like hometown and interests to everyone so friends can use those to connect with you. [View settings](#)

Sharing on Facebook

	Everyone	Friends of friends	Friends only	Other
My status, photos, and posts			<input type="radio"/>	
Bio and favorite quotations			<input type="radio"/>	
Family and relationships			<input type="radio"/>	
Photos and videos I'm tagged in				<input type="radio"/>
Religious and political views			<input type="radio"/>	
Birthday			<input type="radio"/>	
Can comment on posts			<input type="radio"/>	
Email addresses and IM			<input type="radio"/>	
Phone numbers and address			<input type="radio"/>	

[Customise settings](#) ✔ This is your current setting.

4. Select "friends only" for all

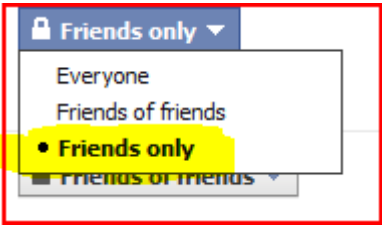
Choose your privacy settings

Basic directory information

[Back to privacy](#) [Preview my Profile](#)

Your name, Profile picture, gender and networks are always open to everyone ([learn why](#)). We suggest leaving the other basic settings below open to everyone to make it easier for real-world friends to find and connect with you.

Search for me on Facebook	This lets friends find you on Facebook. If you're visible to fewer people, it may prevent you from connecting with your real world friends.	Friends only ▼ Everyone Friends of friends • Friends only Friends of friends ▼
Send me friend requests	This lets real world friends send you friend requests. If not set to everyone, it could prevent you from connecting with your friends.	Friends only ▼
Send me messages	This lets friends you haven't connected with yet send you a message before adding you as a friend.	Friends only ▼
See my friend list	This helps real world friends identify you by friends you have in common. Your friend list is always available to applications and your connections to friends may be visible elsewhere.	Only me ▼
See my education and work	This helps classmates and colleagues find you.	Friends only ▼
See my current location and hometown	This helps friends you grew up with and friends near you confirm it's really you.	Friends only ▼
See my interests and other Pages	This lets you connect with people with common interests based on things you like on and off Facebook.	Friends only ▼



5. Go back to privacy settings and go to customise settings

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Customise settings ✔ This is your current setting.

6. Again select "friends only" for all settings

Choose your privacy settings Customise settings

[← Back to privacy](#) Preview my Profile

Customise who can see and comment on things you share, things on your Wall and things you're tagged in.

Things I share

Posts by me <small>Default setting for posts, including status updates and photos</small>	Friends only ▼
Family	Friends only ▼
Relationships	Friends only ▼
Interested in and looking for	Friends only ▼
Bio and favorite quotations	Friends only ▼
Website	Friends only ▼
Religious and political views	Friends only ▼
Birthday	Friends only ▼

[Edit album privacy for existing photos.](#)

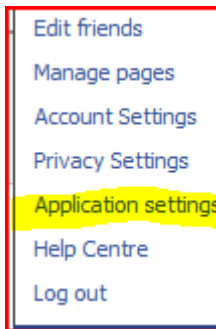
Things others share

Photos and videos I'm tagged in	Only me ▼
Can comment on posts <small>Includes status updates, friends' Wall posts and photos</small>	Friends only ▼
Friends can post on my Wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable
Can see Wall posts by friends	Friends only ▼

Contact information

Mobile phone	Friends only ▼
Other phone	Friends only ▼
Address	Friends only ▼
IM screen name	Friends only ▼
Email Address	Friends only ▼

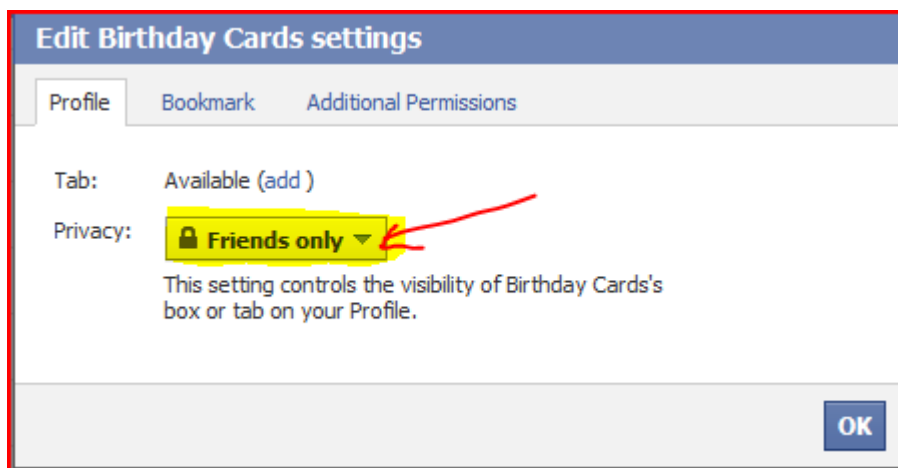
7. Go back now to profile and click again on account and select “application settings”
These applications are the games and other types of apps that may have been added to the account.



8. Each application has its own settings and you will have to go through each one to set it to the desired privacy setting.

Application settings - Recently used			
Displaying 32 applications you have used in the past month.		Show:	Recently used
Backgammon Master	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Bejeweled 2	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Bejeweled Blitz	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Believe in England	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Birthday Cards	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Classic Word Games	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Come On England!	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Events	Edit settings	Application Profile	
Facebook	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Fly Your Football Flag	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Friendship Painting	Edit settings	Application Profile	X
Gifts	Edit settings	Application Profile	

9. Example of application settings



Setting to friends only on most of your child's settings will help the privacy and safety of your child whilst using an internet social site.

Here are some websites that provide information on privacy and security on facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/fbprivacy?v=wall#!/connectsafely>

<http://www.facebook.com/fbprivacy?v=wall#!/fbprivacy>

<http://www.facebook.com/fbprivacy?v=wall#!/security>

<http://www.facebook.com/privacy/explanation.php>