

A Parent Zone Factsheet On: Facebook Safety Settings

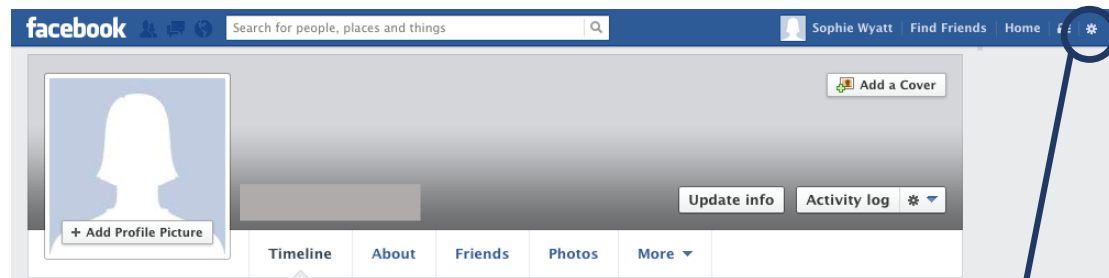
Social networking is increasingly popular with children and young people as a way of staying in contact with old friends and making new friends. Your child will be sharing information about themselves on Facebook and so there are a number of settings designed to help you and your child manage their profile safely.

It can easily feel overwhelming, so this simple step-by-step guide explains the most important settings for you to look at including privacy settings. There is lots more information available in the Facebook parents' centre which you can find at www.facebook.com/safety. So whether you are helping your child to set up Facebook for the first time or your child already has an account, here are the steps you should take to make sure you've set up the basic safeguards.

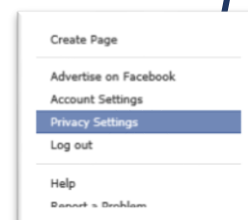
Follow these 5 simple steps:

Step 1: Ask your child to log into their account as all of the settings in Facebook need to be adjusted within a Facebook profile.

Step 2: Set privacy settings. On your child's profile or their Newsfeed, go to the top right hand corner and click on the cog.



Click on Privacy Settings.



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Step 3: Click on Privacy in the left hand menu. This screen shows you who can see your child's posts and who can find them on Facebook. Click on the links on the right hand side to edit these settings. Anyone registered as under 18 will only be able to share posts with Friends or Friends of Friends.

Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts?	Friends	Edit
	Review all your posts and things you're tagged in		Use Activity Log
	Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?		Limit Past Posts
Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests?	Everyone	Edit
	Whose messages do I want filtered into my Inbox?	Basic Filtering	Edit
Who can look me up?	Who can look you up using the email address you provided?	Friends	Edit
	Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?	Friends	Edit
	Do you want other search engines to link to your Timeline?	Off	Edit

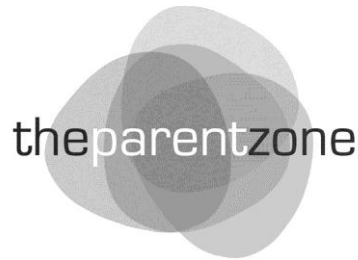
Step 4: Take control of the photos and posts your child is tagged in.

Click on Edit to manage who can post on your child's timeline; who can see their timeline and what happens when they are tagged in a post. Your child can review every post or photo they are tagged in; they can choose Add to Timeline or hide anything they're tagged in.

Who can see my stuff?	Who can see your future posts?	Close
	You can manage the privacy of things you share by using the audience selector right where you post. This control remembers your selection so future posts will be shared with the same audience unless you change it.	
	What's on your mind?	
	Public	
	Friends	Use Activity Log
	Only me	
	Custom	Limit Past Posts
Who can contact me?	Who can send you friend requests?	Edit
	Whose messages do I want filtered	Edit

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Step 5: Control what information gets shared with apps and games they use on Facebook.

Click on Apps on the left hand menu to see if your child has downloaded any apps or games.

App Settings

On Facebook, your name, profile picture, cover photo, gender, networks, username, and user ID are always publicly available, including to apps ([Learn Why](#)). Apps also have access to your friends list and any information you choose to make public.

Apps you use	Use apps, plugins, games and websites on Facebook and elsewhere?	On	Edit
SlideShare	Friends		Edit
Twitter	Friends		Edit x
The Independent	Friends		Edit x
The Guardian	Friends		Edit x
Channel 4	Friends		Edit x

Click on Edit on the right side to control the information that is shared with each one.

Don't forget:

- There are other settings on Facebook that you can control from the Settings menu. Visit www.facebook.com/safety to find out more
- If your child removes a post they are tagged in from their timeline, it will still be visible on the timeline of the person who tagged them
- Encourage your child to use the **View as** setting on their timeline – it allows them to see how other people see their timeline and is a useful check on their privacy settings
- Remind your child that they can use the **Report** button (on the drop down menu on every post on their newsfeed and timeline)

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