



What age should my child be before I let them use WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, and other social networks?

East Peckham Primary School believes that children under 13 shouldn't use social networks and that parents should follow the policy that each site sets. This is often 13 + but some ask that you are 16 or 18 before you have an account. For example, Facebook and Instagram are for ages 13+, WhatsApp is for 16+.

Although most parents at **East Peckham Primary School** don't allow their children to use these sites, we are aware that some parents decide to give their children permission to use social media when they are younger than the policy age. This may result in other parents feeling pressured to allow their children to do the same.

Before your child signs up to any social network or downloads an application (app), we recommend that you discuss the pros and cons and do your own research so you fully understand the implications of joining a particular network. If you want your child to wait to sign up, you could consider pointing him or her toward more age-appropriate sites. We have included some suggestions below.

BBC, CBBC
6+

Moshi
Monsters 7+

Club Penguin
7+

Itwixie 8+

Jabbersmak 10+

Kidzworld 11+

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