

Facing up to Facebook – the magic 13!

13 Reasons Why Facebook is for 13 year olds

Facebook, Twitter and other social media are increasingly being used by children under 13 years of age to socialise, to share photos, videos, links and information, to chat, to plan social events and so on.

1. The minimum age to open a Facebook account is **13 years**
2. Facebook has **additional protection** and **security settings for teens (age 13-17)**.
3. Facebook advertisements or apps may have content that is **not appropriate** for under 13s
4. Facebook **expects parents** of under 13s to show their children how **to delete** their Facebook account, if they have one
5. Facebook expects all users to use their real name and identities. ***It's against Facebook terms to lie about your name or age***
6. Every word, message, image and video you add to Facebook will **be there forever** *unless you take it down*
7. Facebook **expects parents** to discuss online safety with their child and to set ground rules
8. Every image, including your profile photo, can be **copied** by others, **changed** by others and be **online forever!**
9. Facebook games may have **different T & C** to Facebook and only be suitable for **over 18s**
10. Facebook **Timeline** is an online representation of your child's life based on the information they and others added. What does their **timeline reveal about them?**
11. Facebook will **remove images that break copyright law or are pornographic** but will not remove photos you just don't like!
12. Facebook Places uses **GPS**, to enable users to **share their location** in posts. Do you want your child's online friends to know where they are?
13. Facebook has a **safety centre specifically for parents**.

<http://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/>

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