



WhatsApp

What are the risks for children?

Dangers of WhatsApp for children



Following on from yesterday's "Features of WhatsApp" message, we will now look at some of the dangers which this online media may pose to our young children. Having looked at the risks of sharing Live Location, we now move on to:



Pressure to respond



WhatsApp has features that can allow others to see:

- when your child is online
- when they were last active on the app
- if they have read a message.

These could make your child feel pressured to respond even when they don't want to.

Your child can change settings within the app to restrict visibility for 'last seen' and 'online' information, this includes turning this off for everyone.

They can also turn off read receipts in the same place.

To alter these settings go to:

WhatsApp > You > Privacy > Last seen & online

or

WhatsApp > You > Privacy > Read receipts (toggle off)

