



Christ Church (Brondesbury) C of E Primary School

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 how to prevent being under pressure to respond, we now move on to:

Oversharing

As with any social media platform or app, **any information your child chooses to share can be screenshotted by others**, so that *even if they delete the message, there will be a permanent record.*

That covers WhatsApp features such as disappearing messages too while they appear temporary, they can become permanent if a user takes a screenshot.

You could consider chatting with your child about what they're sharing with others, including considering the thoughts and feelings of others.

Another thing to do is to take our online safety quiz together:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/