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- Talk to children about online privacy issues, making sure they know to never identify their name, school or city/state in which they live.
- Respect people's privacy, don't share anyone else's personal information online.
- Don't tag photos of your children at their school if your account is not completely private. This is a child safety issue as anyone driving past can search the school on Instagram and see all of the photos that have been tagged in there by parents not set to private on Instagram.
- If you are going to post anything with a significant fact, check it first.
- Teach them to understand the importance of passwords, keeping them private and changing regularly.
- Learn how to recognise a scam. (You are not going to win free flights for a year for sharing something on Facebook). If it is too good to be true, it probably is.
- Make sure the apps you allow your kids to use are age appropriate.
- Don't be patronising or insulting to anyone ever. This kind of behaviour validates bad behaviour in children as they often see it if you are connected to social media.
- Remember that even an emoji can be taken out of context by someone reading it. Use your head and your heart and don't let emotion be the only thing driving you to post.
- Make sure you respect classification on games, they are there for a reason.
- Make sure the young people in your care know that under no circumstances they should go and meet up with anyone they meet online. Stranger Danger rules apply because they are now literally on digital steroids and 24x7.

- Ban devices from the bedroom from as young as possible. Set boundaries around use.
- Share pictures and videos only with consent. And respect the privacy of others.
- Keep your love-life and arguments off social media.
- Stay positive. If you see something you disagree with – don't engage.
- Consider the fact that children in the background of photos or videos you take at your child's school may be on "no publish" lists. Some children are in protective custody or witness protection and an innocent photo posted on social media could be disastrous.
- Teach young people not to say, or repeat anything that they wouldn't say if the person were standing right in front of them.
- Teach children to recognise that other people's opinions may be different to their own.



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