

What my parents don't know about social media is...

...that I have multiple Facebook accounts and that I also turn off recommended settings on YouTube and I fake going on YouTube Kids then go on normal YouTube and watch YouTubers who swear.

...that on YouTube children can watch things that are not appropriate for their age.



...that they don't know all of my contacts. I chat to all of my friends on Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp and Skype/FaceTime however sometimes I chat to other people online that are very friendly. Fortunately, the games and social media I play on have block buttons so that I can stay safe online.

...I get requests from adults I don't know and I have to delete them all the time.

...that when I was on Candy Crush I had a strange message and this person told me to give them my name, my password and a picture of my face and it happened every day. It was really scary and hopefully it won't happen again.

...I make non-family-friendly content on YouTube and I make several different accounts and upload them to the public. I also watch inappropriate content on YouTube that swears.

...that I get bullied by one Year 7 and a Year 6 and one Year 8 who call me fat and comment very rude and inappropriate things on a language learning app and Musically and Instagram.

These statements about the use of social media were compiled anonymously by the children of Year 5 & 6 at Brookside School. They make for interesting reading!

... lot of people in our class swear on group chats and have most of their posts with swearing on.



...that on Snapchat people can find out your location although there is a thing called 'ghost mode' and it makes you invisible on Snapchat so nobody can find out where you are.

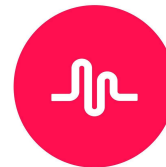
...that my parents want my account private but I don't want to because I would like followers.

...that people are sending messages saying 'if you don't send this to 15 people your Mum will die tomorrow' etc.

...that I have another social media account that is secret. I watch YouTube and some of the people I watch swear.

...that I was doing a Lively video about my cat on my Instagram and this person came on and she said my beautiful, amazing cat was ugly, disgusting and just mean things about my cat.

...you can get bullied online.



...you can learn really bad swear words by YouTubers who swear.

As parents, we are sure that you are able to find the experiences listed above as very useful to know. For further information regarding helping your child stay safe online, you could visit the content on the NSPCC's Let's Keep Kids Safe Online pages.

