



WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

“**Facebook** requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher). Creating an account with false info is a violation of our terms. This includes accounts registered on the behalf of someone under 13.

If your underage child created an account on Facebook, you can show them how to [delete their account](#).

If you'd like to report an account belonging to someone under 13, please [fill out this form](#). Note that we'll promptly delete the account of any child under the age of 13 that's reported to us through this form.”

https://www.facebook.com/help/157793540954833?helpref=uf_permalink from Facebook Help Center

At Waiuku Primary School we teach understandings about internet use (through a variety of devices including personal phones), and provide opportunities where students can be **CONNECTED – SAFE – RESPONSIBLE**. The parents and students are informed and have signed an Internet Agreement outlining the school rules and guidelines.

HOWEVER, in recent years we have encountered a number of **very serious**, time consuming behaviours/communications, particularly through Facebook and other social media, which are outside our rules, and control. We are sometimes made aware of these issues (sometimes not) but in any case, the consequences of some student's actions impact heavily on themselves, other students, parents and staff.

Are you aware of what your child is doing online? It is not enough to just be their 'friend' on Facebook. Do you have their password so you can check their page, including private messages? Consider the advice below from netsafe.org.nz. Do you know if your child understands and works online within these ideas? Ask them.

TEN THINGS YOUR PARENTS NEED TO KNOW SO THEY CAN WORRY LESS

1. You understand that some websites and some people are fake online. That you will be sceptical of what you see and who you communicate with. You would never go and meet a new internet friend in person without discussing it with them.
2. You won't be a cyberbully – and you won't aid cyberbullies. If you know somebody is being bullied, you will support them and **let them know what they can do about it**.
3. You will respect other people's privacy. That means not posting private stuff about other people, no matter how funny it might be.
4. You take the necessary steps to protect your posts. That means you'll take the time to understand and set privacy settings.
5. You will keep your device secure and undertake good security practices.
6. You won't download apps and programmes that you don't know are safe. You'll stick to content from the legitimate app stores.
7. You'll be sensible about what you post because you know your posts reflect you, and the people around you.
8. You know things you post online are permanent.
9. You don't actually want to be on the internet all the time. You'll manage your time and stick to agreed limits
10. Most importantly – You will go to them in if something goes wrong.

At WPS, we are all care, and no responsibility for student use of Facebook...

**Please know that our school has a 'safe place' at the library (supervised) at morning tea and lunchtime and that teachers are always available to talk to.
The children are aware of this.**