

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA

BEST PRACTICE

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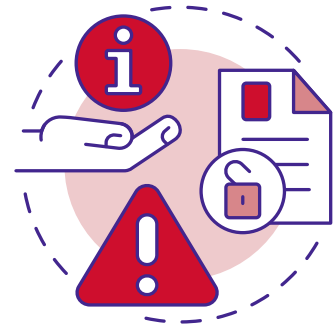
1) CONSENT FORMS (ANNUALLY)

Obtain consent for both contacting them, and using photos/videos.



2) SAFER RECRUITMENT AND DBS

An enhanced DBS is required if moderating a young person's online group or forum.



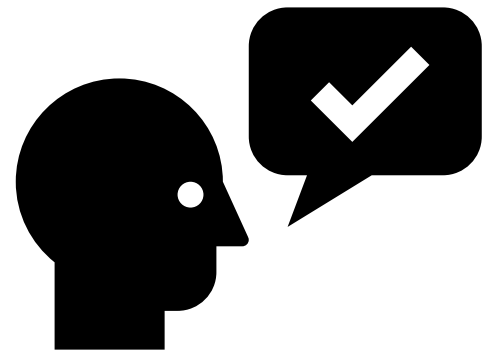
3) PERSONAL ACCOUNT BOUNDARIES

Do not connect with young people from any personal account.



4) EDUCATE YOURSELF

Be informed about the different social media platforms and what they do.



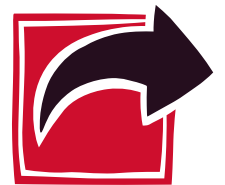
5) EDUCATE OTHERS

Empower others to take personal responsibility.



6) BE CLEAR ON GUIDELINES AND BOUNDARIES

Ensure the young person knows what to expect from your online connection.



7) ENSURE MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAS ACCESS TO ACCOUNTS USED TO COMMUNICATE (SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL)



8) REFLECT THE VALUES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Be open, confident, challenging and empowering.

