

Response to questions during the E-Safety ParentMeet:

1. If your account is set to private, does that mean strangers can't see your details?

Response: In most instances yes but this cannot be guaranteed as your content can be screenshot and reproduced.

2. Which adblocker is the best? Some cost money and others don't look legitimate

Response: I am unable to advise which is best, but I use Adblock Plus.

3. Are adblockers illegal?

Response: In short, you are free in the UK to block ads, but interfering with the publisher's right to serve or restrict access to copyrighted content in a manner they approve of is illegal.

4. How can we find out if apps that claim to protect us online are legit or not?

Response: Check the apps out on a website like Parentzone or Internet Matters. They will tell you if they are legitimate and explain the pros and cons.

5. If you change your name completely (marriage/deed poll) and make a new profile can you still be found by your original name? Can you be found via face recognition?

Response: It would be unlikely that you could be found if you have changed all of your profile logins. Facial recognition could work which is why we don't recommend full face images. You can always check a picture of you in Google images.

6. If you send a private message on snapchat and both people delete it have Snapchat still saved it?

Response: Snapchat do not save your Snaps forever. They do not deliberately store Snaps for longer than they need to run the service, but that does mean they could sit on their server for up to 30 days. (See their Privacy Policy)

7. As there is no written chat function on Fortnite you can tell if someone's young or not because they're actually speaking on a microphone.

Response: People use voice changers to make themselves sound young. You switch your voice from an adult to a child of any age and accent.

8. Is it illegal to ask for an inappropriate image of a child?

Response: This would depend on who asks for the image and the context of the request. It could be seen as inciting a child to take an inappropriate image.