Primary: It’s Private

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What’s the issue?

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Why does it matter?

- We can’t always know what other people’s opinions and feelings are, so we can’t make decisions about their attitudes to specific private material on their behalf—ask!

Advice

‘Private’ means it’s not for everyone

- Only you have the right to share your personal information. Be aware that the more you share it the less private it is.
- Passwords are supposed to keep access to your data and online identity safe, they should not be shared even with trusted friends.

My friends might not be your friends

- Just because someone shares something with you it does not give you permission to pass it on or show it to others.

Rules and guidelines about privacy are there to protect you and your identity

- Thinking ‘it won’t happen to me’ is not taking responsibility for your activities online or offline.
- Be aware of what you can do to protect your personal information, online identity and the access to digital material you create. If you are not sure what to do, ask a trusted adult.