



The Privacy Reset Script

What to say after a kid pasted too much private information — firm, calm, not shaming.

Parents

4 minutes

Draft resource

1 Start without accusation

Pick the opening that fits: “Thanks for telling me” if they came to you, “Let’s clean this up together” if you found out yourself, or “I am not mad that you used the tool” if they are defensive.

2 Fix it together

Go to the tool, find the conversation, delete it. Name the specific thing that went too far: “The school name and your friend’s name — those are the parts that cannot go into a prompt.”

3 State the rule once, clearly

“No full names, no school name, no town, no photos that show where we live. If you are not sure, ask me first.”

4 Give them the next step

“Before you paste anything, ask: would I be comfortable with this showing up in a school newsletter? If not, stop and ask me.”

“I am not mad that you used the tool. I am glad you did — now we fix what went too far and make the rule clear.”

The tone

Curious first. Firm second. The goal is proof of understanding, not a confession. Keep the conversation safe enough that your kid tells you the truth next time.

Make it stick

Ask what they will do differently next time

Let them say the rule back in their own words

If they cannot say it, the rule is not clear yet

Make it yours

Our rule: _____

We will try: _____

Ask a human when: _____