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Discord is developed primarily for gaming communities and is built to be used by adults. This means that any younger users on the app will often be exposed to more adult conversations including bad language, potentially hearing, or experiencing abuse and general adult conversations. There are features within Discord that will stop things like Instant messaging, friend requests and more.

The settings within Discord are simple, but also concerning in their labels as you can see below. Importantly, the settings allow Discord to potentially scan the 'chat' for potentially inappropriate content, which is rare to see in any app or game settings now, so this is a massive positive if used correctly.

Discord

Discord is effectively a massive chat system where you can instant message, chat over a mic, send pictures, videos and gifs and is mostly used by the gaming communities to chat rather than chat in-game. Discord will likely introduce each use to strangers who have similar interests, relationships can be built over time online through these methods and conversation is important between you and your child about this.

RELEASED 2015

150 MILLION USERS

FREE TO DOWNLOAD

DISCORD IS VERY OFTEN USED WITH A HEADSET AND MIC

USED ALONGSIDE ONLINE GAMES

AVAILABLE ON CONSOLE AND MOBILE

✓ Don't scan any media content.
My friends are nice most of the time.

○ Scan media content from members without a role.
Recommended option for servers that use roles for trusted membership.

○ Scan media content from all members.
Recommended option for when you want that squeaky clean shine

Age Restriction → **13**

GOOD POINTS

- Discord is undeniably a particularly good and interactive way for people to connect with others who share their interests, if they are an appropriate age and act correctly.

- Gaming takes on another level of enjoyment and excitement when it includes strong teamplay to achieve your goals and discord has become a route to having this next level experience with people.

- If you are in charge of your own serve, you set the moderation, so you control who enters the chat and how the chat filters work and who stays in and who gets booted out.

BAD POINTS

- Discord is a hive of activity, teamwork, and emotional/excited chat, which is all good in moderation, but this emotion can spill over and turn into bullying or aggression and abuse over the mic. Because it is over mic, it feels more real than text received and can really upset users.
- Any settings that you put into place can be undone in a few moments by your child as there is no parental lock on the settings.
- For an adult, reporting is really not straight forward, you may find you need to rely on researching how to report on Discord because you have to find the users "ID" and switch to a different mode before you can report.

Parent Opinion:
Mother of 5 & 15-year-old

My oldest uses discord more they have a mic and headset and I can hear what is being said most of the time. My youngest boy watches and listens and seems to enjoy being involved. Had a few issues with bad language (from him and from the other people) but mostly a good experience for me as a mum.

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