DIGITAL PALESTINE

Child Protection Policy

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Our standards against the abuse and exploitation of children

> **Zero tolerance**
> Digital Palestine does not tolerate the abuse or exploitation of children in any form. We remove it, we preserve the evidence, we close the accounts involved, and we report it to the appropriate authorities. This applies whether the material is real, drawn, animated or generated by AI.

1. WHO THIS POLICY PROTECTS

1.1 In this policy, a "child" means anyone under 18, wherever they live.

1.2 Digital Palestine accounts are for people aged 18 and over. We still protect children who may appear in content, in family trees, or who try to join despite the age rule.

2. SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

2.1 The following are prohibited everywhere on Digital Palestine, including in private messages. These examples are not a complete list: any content or behaviour that sexualises, exploits or abuses a child is prohibited.

- child sexual abuse material (CSAM) of any kind, including images, video, audio and text;
- drawn, animated, computer-generated or AI-generated sexual imagery of children, and imagery that sexualises real children by editing or combining images;
- grooming: building a relationship with a child in order to abuse or exploit them, including requests for images or to meet in person;
- sextortion: threatening to share intimate images of a child, or pressuring a child for images, money or favours;
- sexualised comments about children, and content that normalises or promotes sexual interest in children;
- offering or seeking sexual services involving children;
- sharing links to, or instructions for finding, any of the above elsewhere.

3. VIOLENCE, CRUELTY AND OTHER HARM TO CHILDREN

3.1 The following are also prohibited. Again, these examples are not a complete list.

- content that shows, celebrates or encourages the torture, beating or cruel treatment of a child;
- threats of violence against a child, or content that encourages others to harm a child;
- the trafficking, sale, abduction or forced labour of children, including offering, seeking or arranging it;
- recruiting or using children as fighters, or promoting their recruitment;
- forced or child marriage, including arranging or promoting it;
- bullying, humiliating or targeting a child, or sharing a child's personal details so that they can be found;
- encouraging a child to harm themselves. See also the Suicide and Self-Harm Policy.

3.2 Documenting harm is different from causing or celebrating it. Images of children injured or killed in attacks may be shared to document real events. They must never be used to mock or exploit the child, and are removed if a parent or guardian asks us to and it is right to do so.

4. HOW TO REPORT A CONCERN

4.1 Anyone can report a concern, whether or not they are a member:

- **In the app -** open the menu on the post, comment, message or account, choose "Report" and then "Child safety". Child-safety reports go straight to the front of our queue.
- **By email -** write to support@digitalpalestine.com with "Child safety" in the subject line. Tell us what you saw and, if you can, where on Digital Palestine it is.
- **Emergencies -** if a child is in immediate danger, contact your local emergency services or police first, then tell us.

4.2 Do not download, screenshot, forward or re-share abuse material, even to report it. Sharing it can itself be a crime. Tell us where it is and we will deal with it.

5. WHAT WE DO WHEN WE FIND OR ARE TOLD ABOUT IT

5.1 Reports involving children go to the top of our queue, are handled by named members of our core team rather than community moderators, and are acted on within 24 hours.

Step	What happens
1	We remove the material or restrict the account immediately so no one else can see it.
2	We keep a secure, access-controlled copy as evidence, because the authorities may need it. It is never visible on the platform.
3	We close the accounts responsible and ban the person permanently. We take steps to stop them registering again. No platform can completely stop a determined person from returning with different details, so if you see an account you believe belongs to someone we have banned, please report it.
4	We report the matter to the national law-enforcement body responsible for child sexual abuse reports, and to child-protection hotlines where appropriate, as the law requires.
5	We cooperate with lawful requests from those authorities about the case.

5.2 We may not be able to tell the person who reported a concern what happened next, because doing so could interfere with an investigation. That does not mean nothing was done.

6. KEEPING CHILDREN OFF ADULT ACCOUNTS

6.1 You must be 18 or over to hold a Digital Palestine account. If we have reason to believe an account belongs to someone under that age, we will restrict it while we check and close it if we are right.

6.2 When you sign up, we check that you are 18 or over using facial age estimation. You take a short selfie in the app or browser, and a specialist age-check provider working for us uses it to estimate your age. The provider is certified under the UK Age Check Certification Scheme (ACCS). It does not identify you and does not compare your face with any database. A live check makes sure a real person is in front of the camera, not a photo or a video. The selfie is used only for the age check and is deleted as soon as the estimate is made. We keep only the result and the date. The provider may not use it for any other purpose. If the estimate cannot confirm that you are clearly over 18 (for example because you look under 25), you can prove your age

another way, such as an identity document, which is checked and then deleted. You cannot use the platform until your age is confirmed.

6.3 A parent or guardian who believes their child has an account can tell us using the routes in section 4. We will restrict the account while we check and close it if it does belong to someone under 18.

7. CHILDREN IN FAMILY TREES

7.1 Family trees may include living relatives who are children, but only if they are added by their parent or guardian. A child in a family tree does not have an account and cannot be contacted through the platform. Entries for living children are private by default, are not searchable, and can be removed at the request of a parent or guardian. Deceased relatives can be added without these restrictions.

8. SAFEGUARDS IN HOW WE WORK

- Only named members of the core team who are specially trained and vetted handle reports involving children.
- Anyone who moderates on Digital Palestine must follow this policy. Community moderators pass any child-safety concern straight to the core team rather than dealing with it themselves.
- Evidence copies are kept only as long as the authorities need them, with access limited to the people handling the case.
- We review this policy at least once a year, and whenever the law or our features change.

Questions about this policy and all reports are to be addressed to support@digitalpalestine.com with "Child safety" in the subject line.

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