

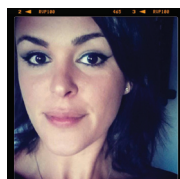
Should This Photo Have Been Banned By Instagram?



It's been a stressful week for Courtney Adamo. Despite having

over 40k Instagram followers and four years' worth of baby photos, the mum-of-four had her account temporarily closed down after uploading this 'inappropriate' pic of her 18-month-old daughter, Marlow. But was she wrong to put it online in the first place? Two mothers discuss...

Yes! It Isn't Fair On The Kid



says Ameena Gorton, 33, from Mummy inprovidence.com

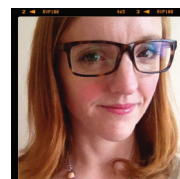
"When I heard that Courtney's photo of her daughter had been taken offline, I wasn't surprised.

In fact, I was relieved. Because in the four years since I became a mother and a mummy blogger, I've never posted my daughter's face online. I feel *she* has the right to choose her online identity when the time's right. As cute as I think she looks, she might disagree later in life. Why would I compound that by publishing them for the world to see?

Some people have said I can't be a real 'mummy blogger' without publishing my child's photo. And with family and friends all over the world, sometimes the easiest thing to do *would* be to post a picture of her on Facebook. But then how many others who don't know us will see it?

At the end of the day, Instagram is a free service, and it's up to them to enforce their own rules. Courtney's picture of her daughter was innocent enough, but there are far too many naked baby images on social media. Hopefully, now some parents will think before they post."

No! It's A Beautiful Picture



says Gillian Crawshaw, 34, from Ababy onboard.com

"Courtney's photo of her daughter is sweet and innocent. And although it's great that Instagram content

is policed, I think it's ridiculous they removed an entire account based on this image.

Like Courtney, I also write a blog about my life as a mother, and on it I share photos of my daughter. So much of our lives are online, and people regularly post photos of their kids. It's normal, and if you ask me, it'll only happen more in future. Blogs are just another platform for social interaction and sharing. Mine is an illustration of my life; it would be hard to do this without using family photos.

I do have a strict rule to never use photos where my daughter is upset, and nothing where there's potential for future embarrassment. There is the argument that photos could fall into the wrong hands online, but if you're making responsible choices I don't think you should live your life with the constant fear of what *could* happen. There aren't horrible people lurking in every corner, and I don't want my daughter to grow up thinking there are."