

Secure your device - Android

Check your Google account settings

Set a secure Google password

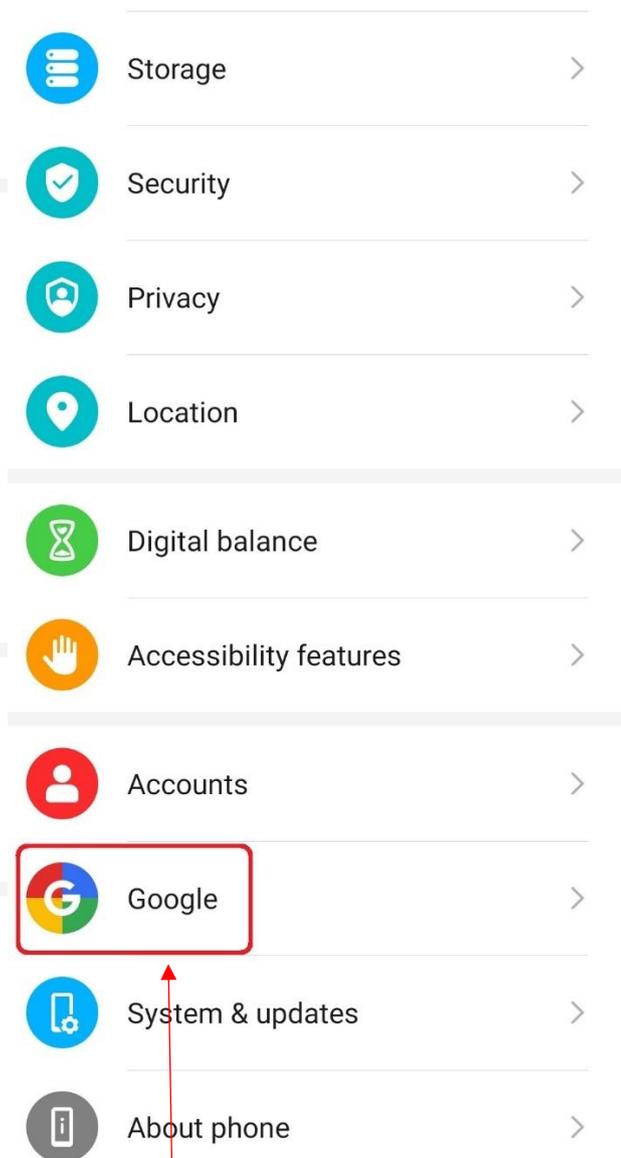
Settings



1. Select
Settings.

2. Scroll down.

Settings



3. Select Google.

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 **Manage your Google Account**

COVID-19 SUPPORT



COVID-19 Exposure Notifications
On

SERVICES ON THIS DEVICE

Ads

Auto-fill

Backup

Devices and sharing

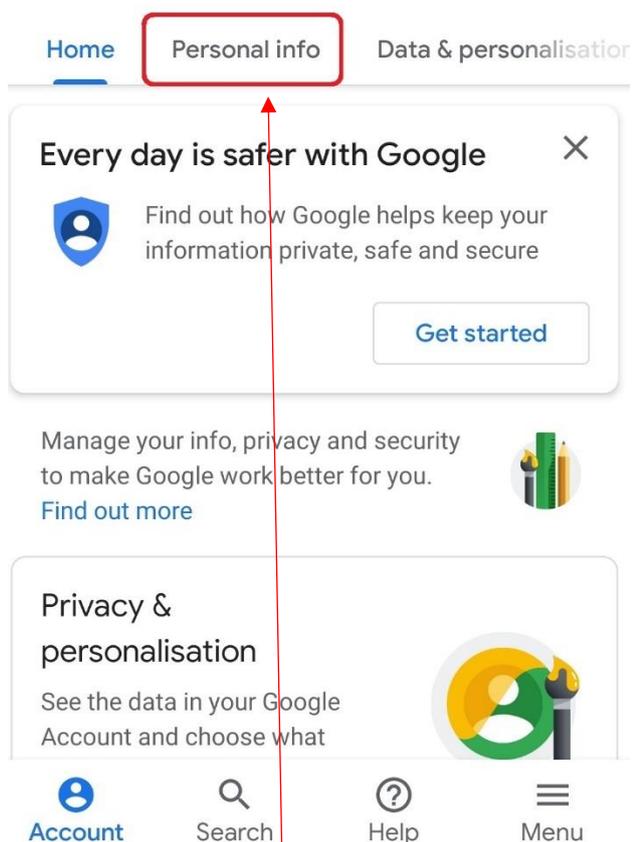
4. Select Manage your Google Account.

In your Google Account, you can see and manage your info, activity, security options and privacy preferences to make Google work better for you

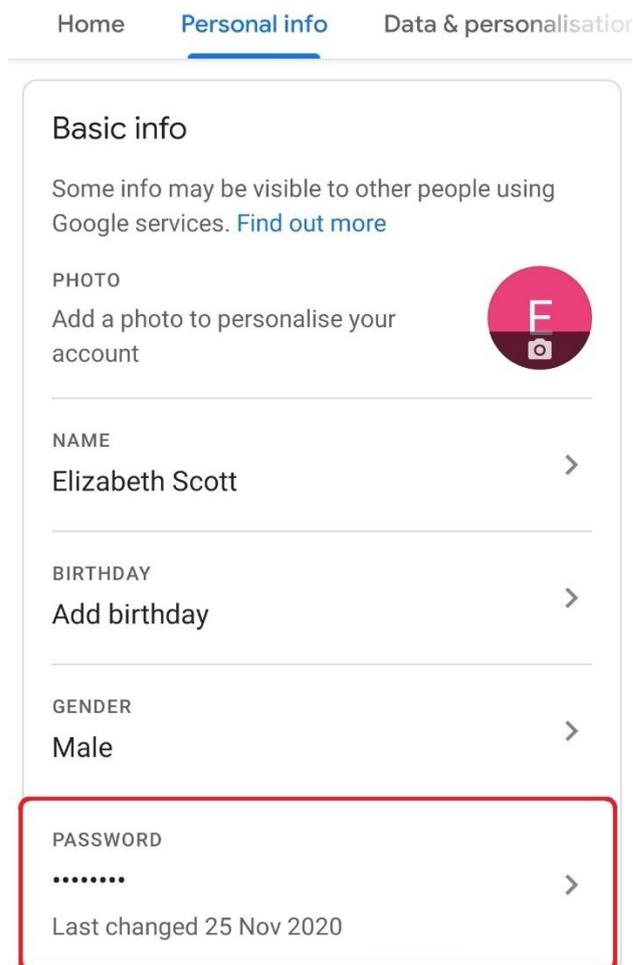


Get started

5. Select Get started.



6. Select the Personal info tab.



7. Select Password.



Use your screen lock

To access your account, verify that it's you by confirming your screen lock

[More ways to sign in](#)

[Continue](#)

8. You may be asked to verify your identity by using your screen lock. You can do this or use other options.

Verify your identity

google.com needs to verify that it's you.



Touch fingerprint sensor

[CHANGE VERIFICATION METHOD](#)

9. If you use fingerprint identification, use your touch sensor.

Password

Choose a strong password and don't reuse it for other accounts. [Learn more](#)

Changing your password will sign you out on your devices, with some [exceptions](#).

Lost or stolen device? You can always sign out remotely at [Your devices](#).

New password

Password strength:

Use at least 8 characters. Don't use a password from another site, or something too obvious like your pet's name. [Why?](#)

Confirm new password

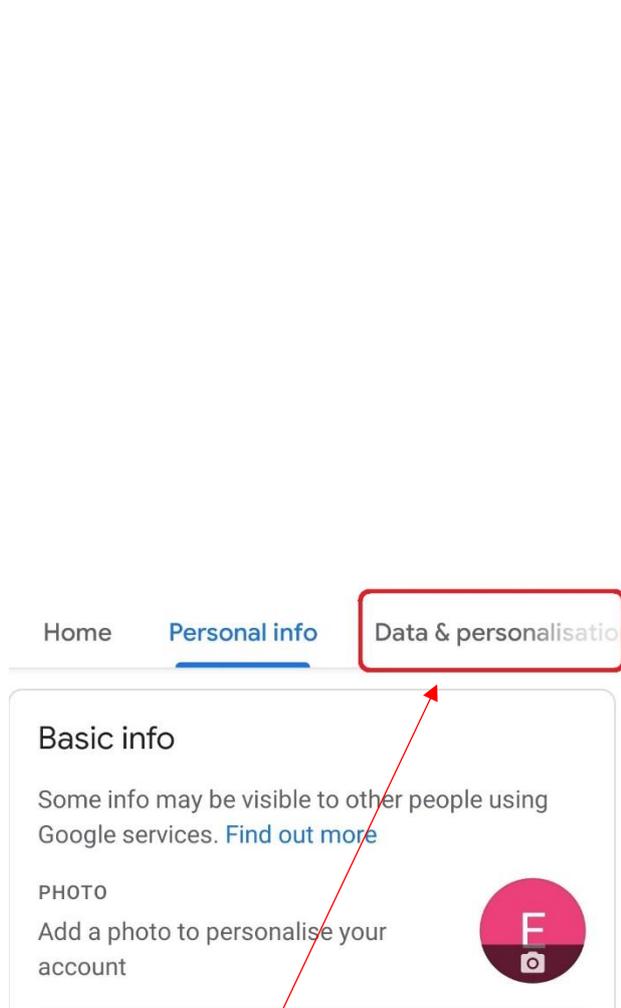
[Change password](#)

10. Where it says New password, enter a secure password.

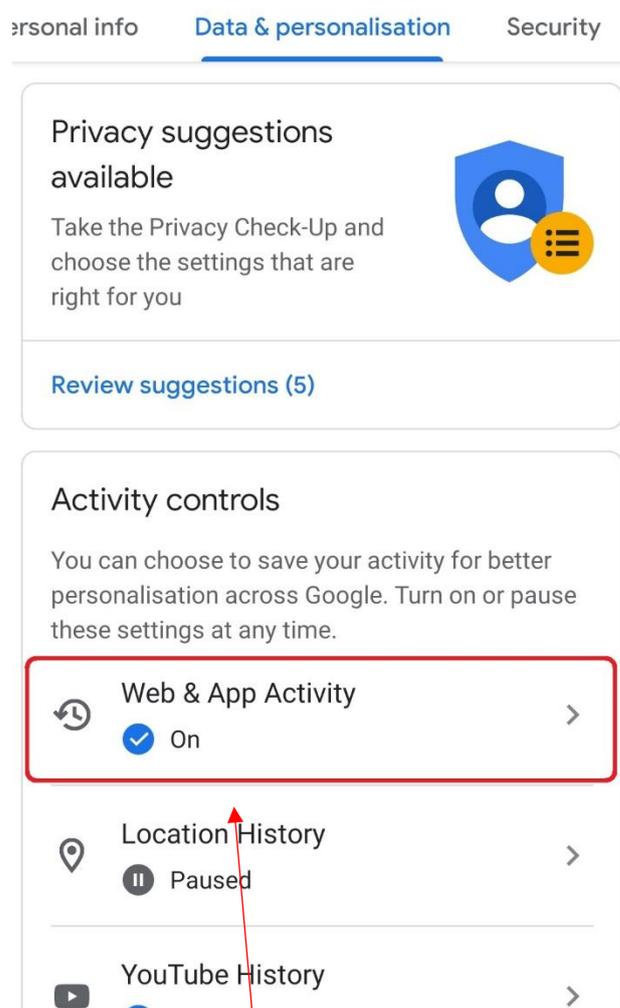
Where it says Confirm new password, enter your secure password.

Select Change password.

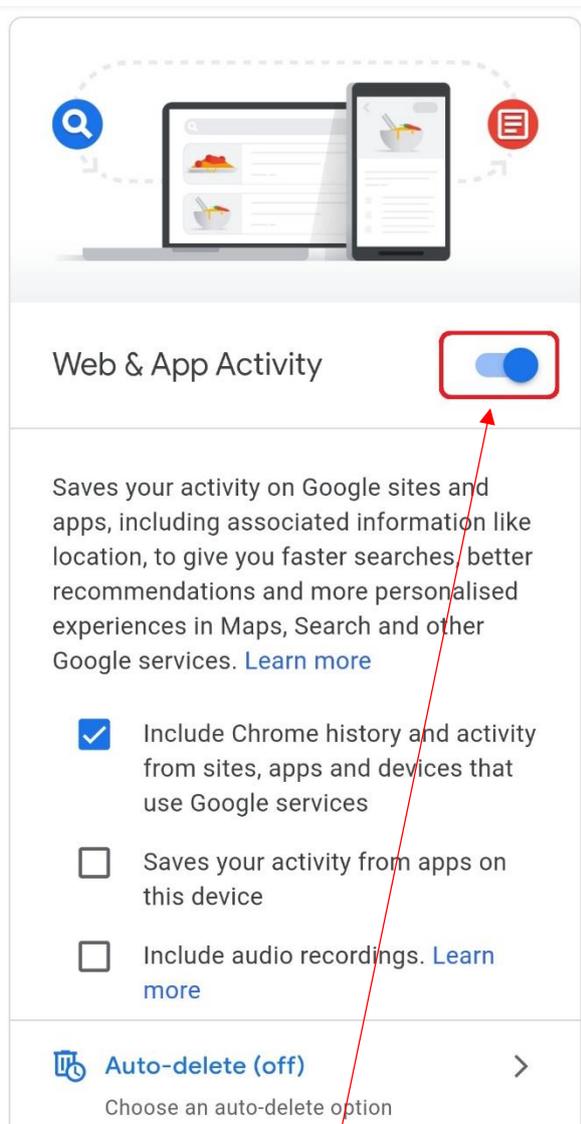
Decide how much information is stored in your Google account from web and app activity



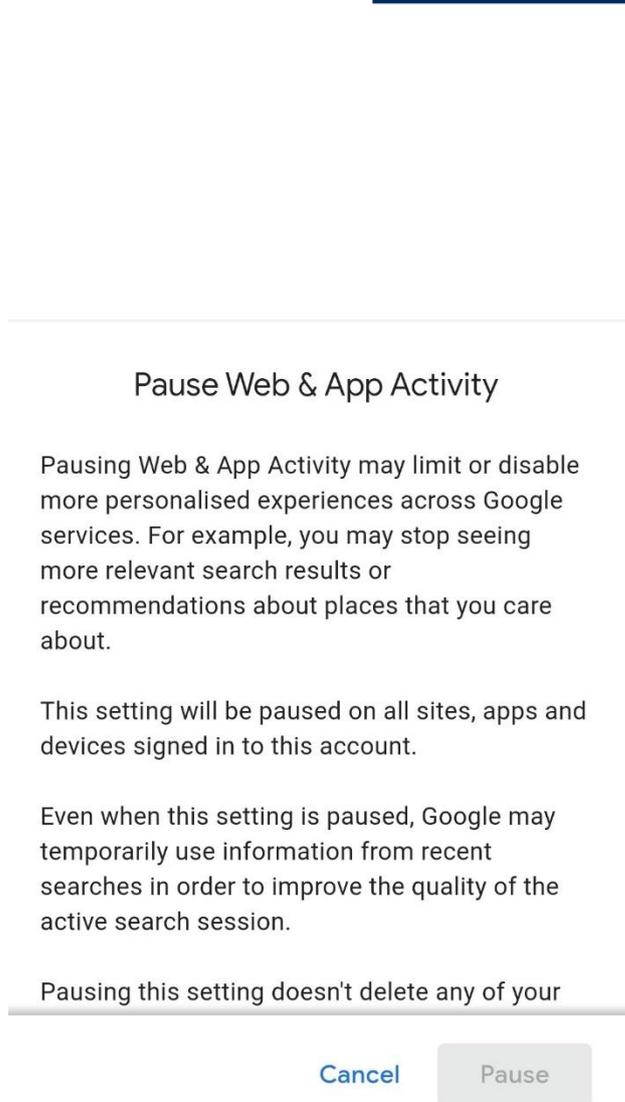
11. Select the Data & Personalisation tab.



12. Select Web & App Activity.



13. You can make selections to choose what is saved. If you want to not save anything, where it says Web & App Activity, slide the button off.



14. Scroll down.



Pause Web & App Activity

Pausing Web & App Activity may limit or disable more personalised experiences across Google services. For example, you may stop seeing more relevant search results or recommendations about places that you care about.

This setting will be paused on all sites, apps and devices signed in to this account.

Even when this setting is paused, Google may temporarily use information from recent searches in order to improve the quality of the active search session.

Pausing this setting doesn't delete any of your past data. You can see or delete your data and more at myactivity.google.com.

Visit account.google.com to change this and any other Google Account settings, and learn about the data that Google continues to collect and why at policies.google.com.

Cancel

Pause

15. Select Pause.

Setting is off

Not saving new Web & App Activity

 Privacy tip

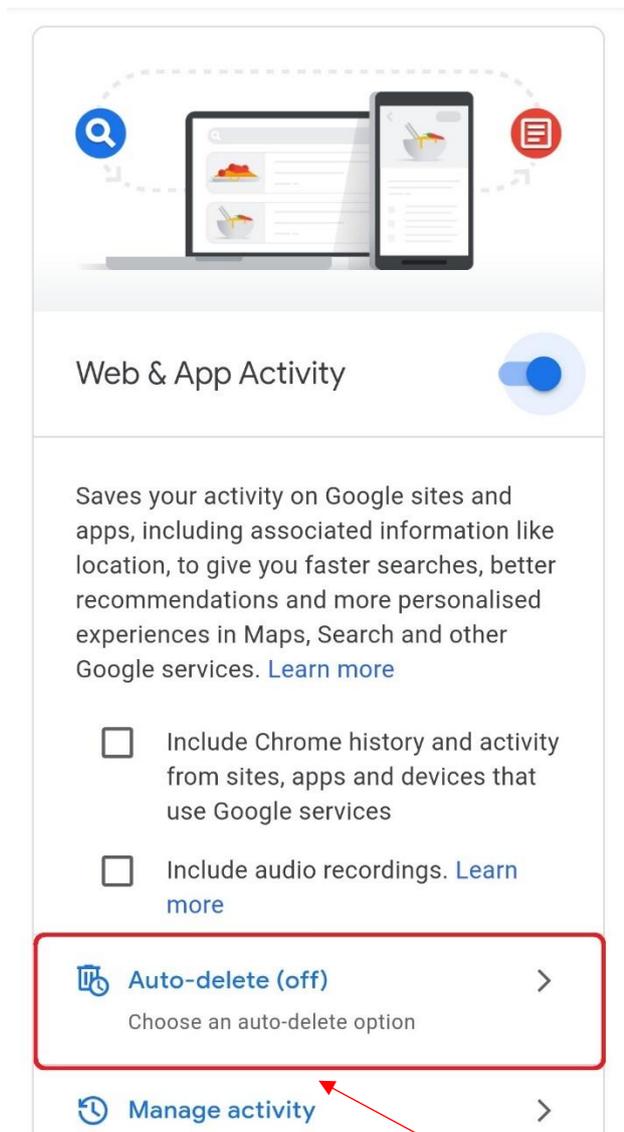
You have previously saved Web & App Activity

[Delete old activity](#)

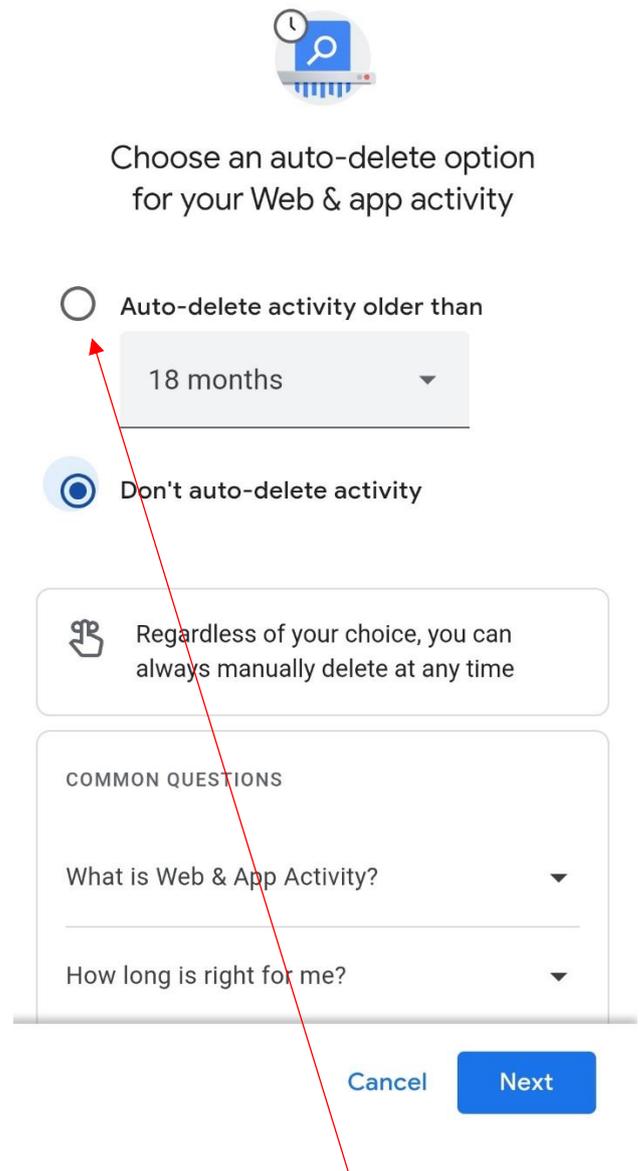
OK

16. Select OK.

Turn on auto-delete for web and app activity



17. Under Web & App Activity, select Auto-delete.



18. Select Auto-delete activity older than.



Choose an auto-delete option
for your Web & app activity

Auto-delete activity older than

18 months



Don't auto-delete activity



Regardless of your choice, you can
always manually delete at any time

COMMON QUESTIONS

What is Web & App Activity?



How long is right for me?



Cancel

Next

Auto-delete activity older than

18 months



3 months

18 months

36 months

can
time

19. Where it says Auto-delete activity older than, select the drop-down button.

20. In the drop-down menu, select your preference.



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21. Select Next.

Confirm your preference to auto- delete activity older than 18 months

Once activity is older than 18 months, it will be
deleted automatically. Google may delete some
types of activity sooner.

Deleting now

Activity older than 18 months will be
deleted now, for example

Used **com.huawei.android.launcher**

12 December 2019 • 15:38

Used **Facebook**

12 December 2019 • 15:37

Used **YouTube**

12 December 2019 • 15:37

[Preview more](#)

Cancel **Confirm**

22. Select Confirm.

Turn off location history

Personal info **Data & personalisation** Security

Privacy suggestions available

Take the Privacy Check-Up and choose the settings that are right for you

[Review suggestions \(5\)](#)

Activity controls

You can choose to save your activity for better personalisation across Google. Turn on or pause these settings at any time.

- Web & App Activity On
- Location History Paused**
- YouTube History

A red box highlights the 'Location History' option, and a red arrow points to it from the right.

23. On the Data & personalisation tab, under Activity controls, select Location History.

Location History

Saves where you go with your devices, even when you aren't using a specific Google service, to give you personalised maps, recommendations based on places that you've visited and more. [Learn more](#)

Devices on this account

[Auto-delete \(off\)](#)
Choose an auto-delete option

[Manage activity](#)

A red box highlights the 'Location History' toggle switch, and a red arrow points to it from the left.

24. Where it says Location History, slide the button off.

Pause Location History

Pausing Location History may limit or disable personalised experiences across Google services. For example, you may not see recommendations based on places that you've visited or helpful tips about your commute.

This setting will be paused on all sites, apps and devices signed in to this account.

This setting does not affect other location services on your device, like Google Location Services and Find My Device.

Your location may still be saved in your Google Account when using other Google sites, apps and services. For example, location data may be

Cancel

Pause

25. Scroll down.

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Your location may still be saved in your Google Account when using other Google sites, apps and services. For example, location data may be saved as part of activity on Search and Maps when your Web & app activity setting is on, and included in your photos depending on your camera app settings.

Pausing this setting doesn't delete any of your past data. You can see or delete your data and more at maps.google.com/timeline.

Visit account.google.com to change this and your other Google Account settings and find out about the data that Google continues to collect and why at policies.google.com.

Cancel

Pause

26. Select Pause.



Setting is off

Not saving new Location History

Privacy tip

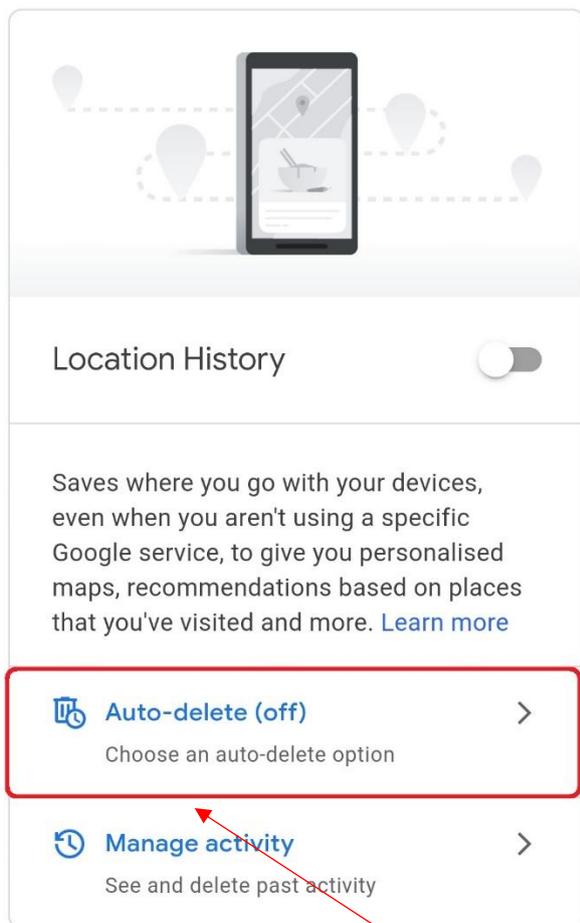
You have previously saved Location History

[Delete old activity](#)

OK

27. Select OK.

Turn on auto-delete on location history



28. Under Location History, select Auto-delete.



Choose an auto-delete option
for your Location History

- Auto-delete activity older than
18 months
- Don't auto-delete activity

Regardless of your choice, you can
always manually delete at any time

COMMON QUESTIONS

What is Location History?

How long is right for me?

Cancel

Next

29. Select Auto-delete activity older than.



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All Location History up to **1 Jan 2020**,
including:

 **134 places**

Cancel

Confirm

33. Select Confirm.



Preference saved

Auto-deleting your Location History
older than 18 months.

Your activity older than 18 months
is being permanently deleted from
your account and no longer tied to
you.

[Learn how your activity is
deleted](#)

Related controls

[Set up auto-delete for web & app history](#)

[Set up auto-delete for YouTube History](#)

OK

34. Select OK.

Check your location history and remove a location

Personal info **Data & personalisation** Security

[Go to ad settings](#)

Activity and timeline

See the activity saved in your account and the places you've been. You can delete any or all of your past activity.



My Activity

Rediscover the things that you've searched for, read and watched



Timeline

See where you've been, based on your Location History



35. On the Data & personalisation tab, under Activity and timeline, select Timeline.



Visited places



Day

Places

Cities

World



212 places visited



Food & drink

57 places

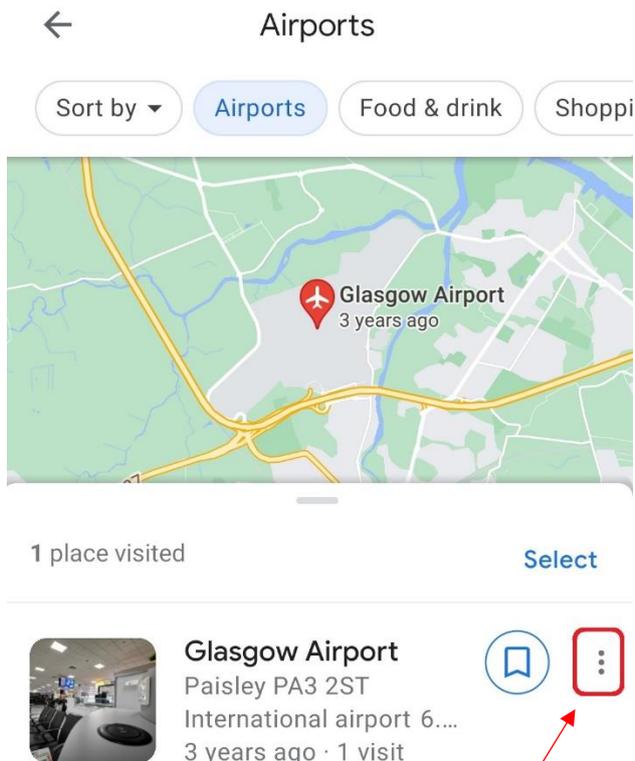


Shopping

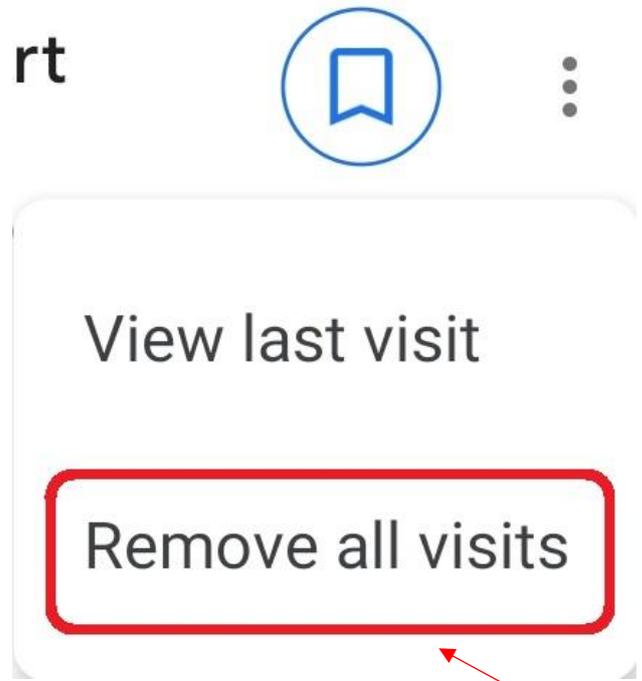
54 places



36. Check your location history. If you want to remove a location, select it.



37. Next to the location, select the More Options icon.



38. In the drop-down menu, select Remove all visits.

Remove all past visits to 1 place?

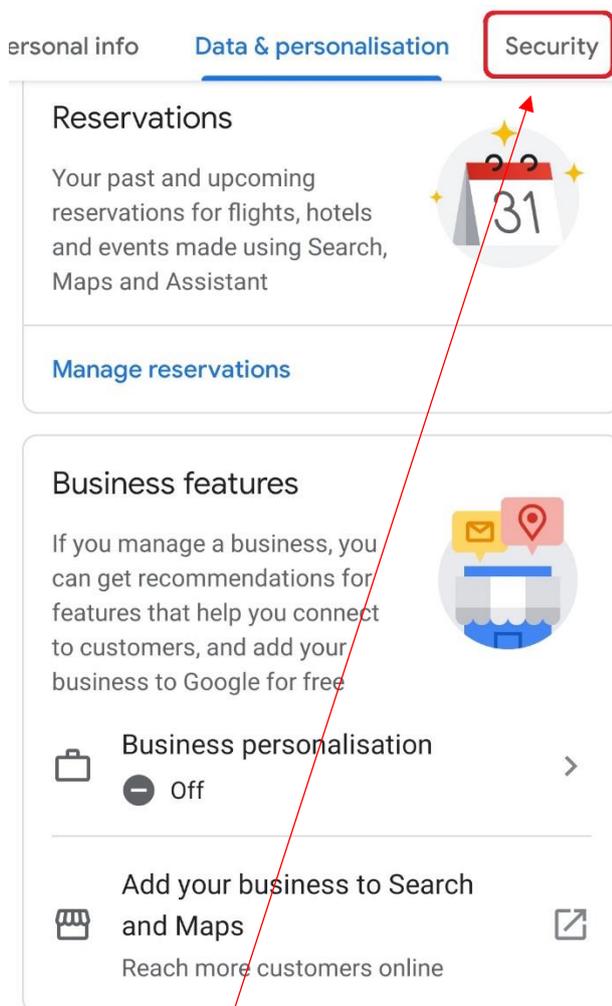
Your Timeline may still show that you passed by this area.

[Learn about more deletion options](#)

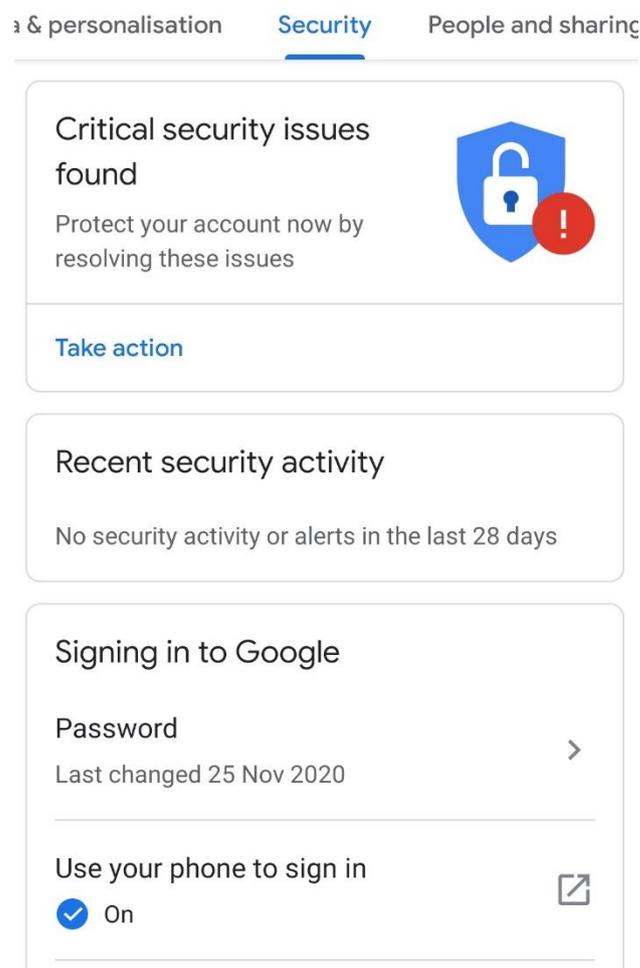
CANCEL REMOVE

39. In the pop-up box that appears, select Remove.

Set up 2-step verification on your Google account



40. Select Security tab.



41. Scroll down.

Signing in to Google

Password >
Last changed 25 Nov 2020

Use your phone to sign in >
 On

2-Step Verification >
 Off

Security code >
Get a one-time code to verify that it's you

Ways that we can verify that it's you

These can be used to make sure that it's really you signing in or to contact you if there's suspicious activity in your account

Recovery phone >

42. Select 2-Step Verification.

Check what devices are signed into your Google Account

Personalisation **Security** People and sharing |

Ways that we can verify that it's you

These can be used to make sure that it's really you signing in or to contact you if there's suspicious activity in your account

Recovery phone

07792 278326



Recovery email

sojourningtruth@hotmail.co.uk



Your devices

You're currently signed in to your Google Account on these devices



Huawei Honor 8X

United Kingdom



This device



Find a lost device

Your devices

Where you're signed in

You're currently signed in to your Google Account on these devices. [Learn more](#)



Huawei Honor 8X

United Kingdom

This phone

[More details](#)

Where you've signed out

You haven't signed out on any devices in the last 28 days

43. On the Security tab, under Your devices, check if you recognise all the devices listed. If you don't recognise a device or are unsure, select it.

44. Select More details.



Huawei Honor 8X

United Kingdom

✓ This phone

First sign-in: 7 Nov 2018

RECENT ACTIVITY

- United Kingdom 1 minute ago

Locations are approximate based on IP address. [More info](#)

[Show IP address](#)

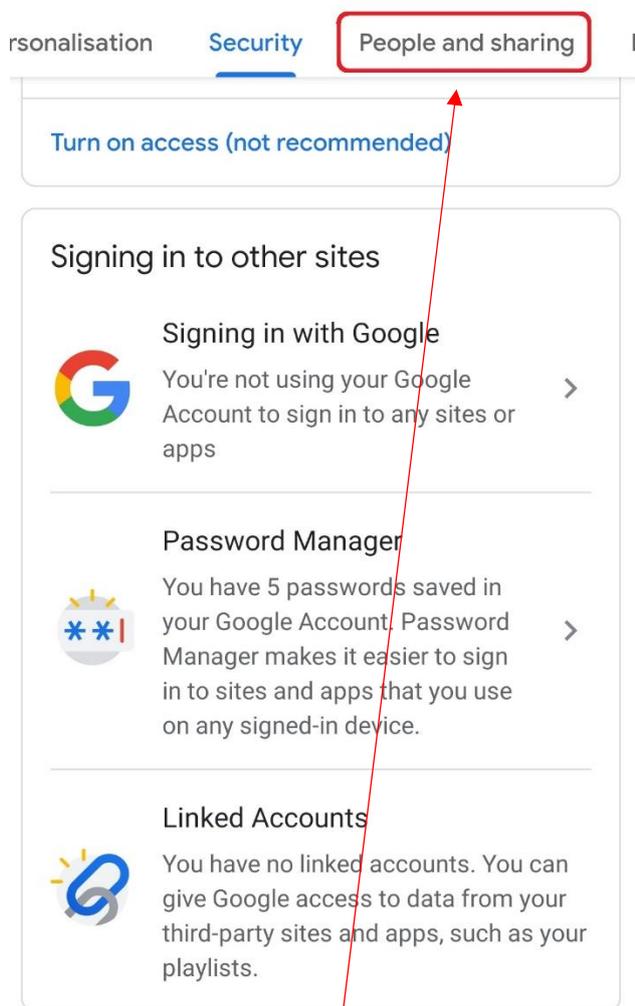
BROWSERS THAT YOU'RE SIGNED IN ON



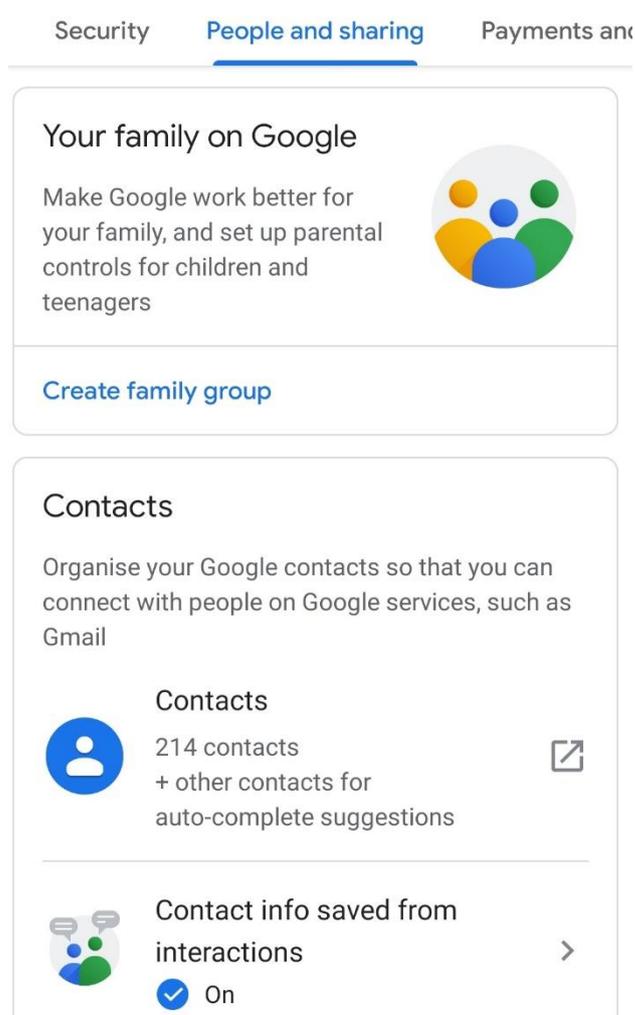
Chrome

45. Select Show IP address.

Make your personal information private



46. Select the People and sharing tab.



47. Scroll down.

About me

Manage your personal info and control who can see it across Google services. [Find out more](#)

Location sharing

You aren't sharing your real-time location with anyone on Google



[Manage location sharing](#)

Choose what others see

About me

What personal info that you make visible to others across Google services

Share recommendations in ads

You can choose to show your name, profile photo and activity in shared endorsements in ads to help others find things that you're interested in

 **Shared endorsements in ads**

On

Only you Anyone

Basic info

NAME
Elizabeth Scott

PROFILE PICTURE
Add a profile picture to personalise your account

GENDER
Male

BIRTHDAY
Add birthday

Contact info

48. Under Choose what others see, select About me.

49. If you want to make a piece of personal information private, select it. For example, Gender.



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[Continue](#)

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google.com needs to verify that it's you.



Touch fingerprint sensor

[CHANGE VERIFICATION METHOD](#)

51. If you use fingerprint identification, use your touch sensor.

Gender

Your gender may be used for personalisation across Google services, including how we refer to you. [Learn more](#)

GENDER

- Female
- Male
- Rather not say

[+ Add custom gender](#)

Choose who can see your gender

Only you Anyone

This information is private. Only you can see it. [Learn more](#)

52. Select Only you.

Turn off Find My Device

Settings

-  Storage >
-  Security >
-  Privacy >
-  Location >
-  Digital balance >
-  Accessibility features >
-  Accounts >
-  **Google** >
-  System & updates >
-  About phone >

53. In Settings, select Google.

 Manage your Google Account

COVID-19 SUPPORT



COVID-19 Exposure Notifications
On

SERVICES ON THIS DEVICE

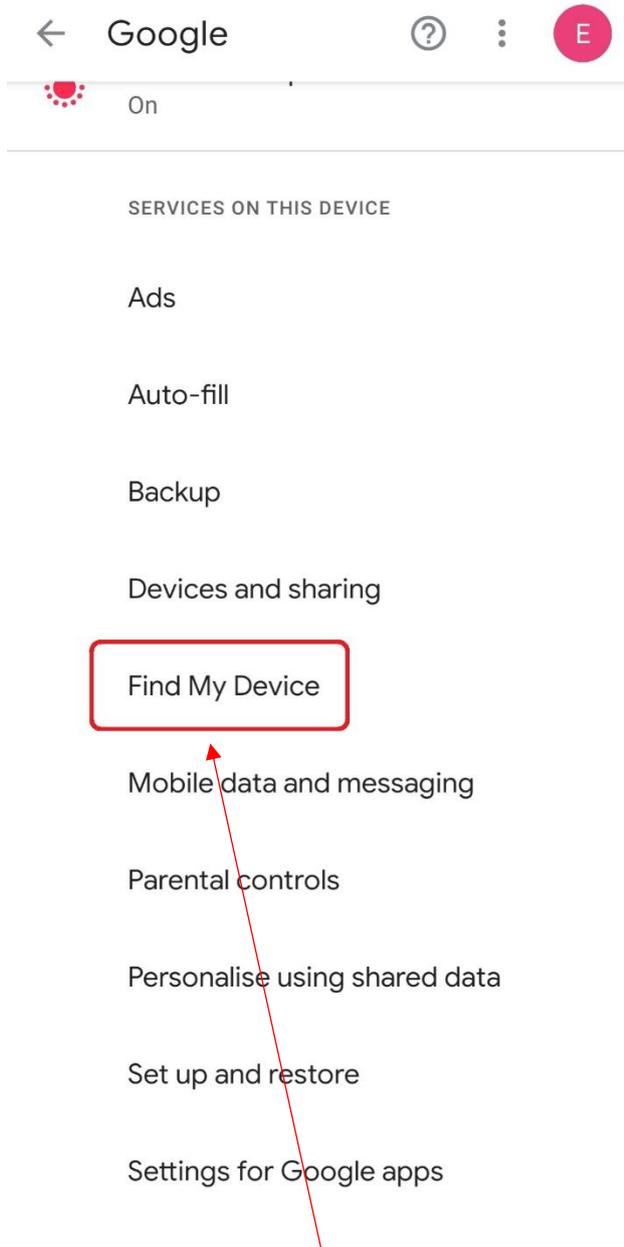
Ads

Auto-fill

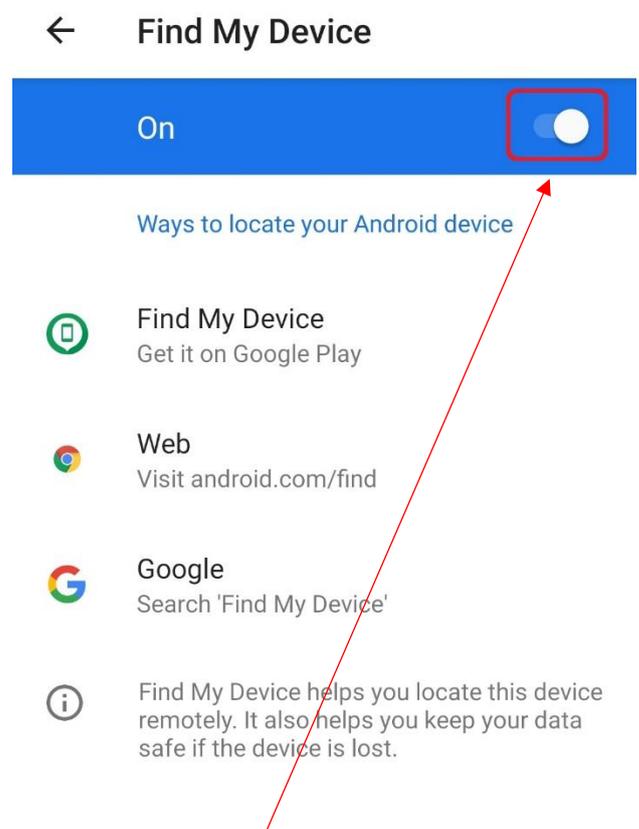
Backup

Devices and sharing

54. Scroll down.



55. Select Find My Device.



56. Slide the button off.

Turn off back up to the cloud

Settings

-  Storage >
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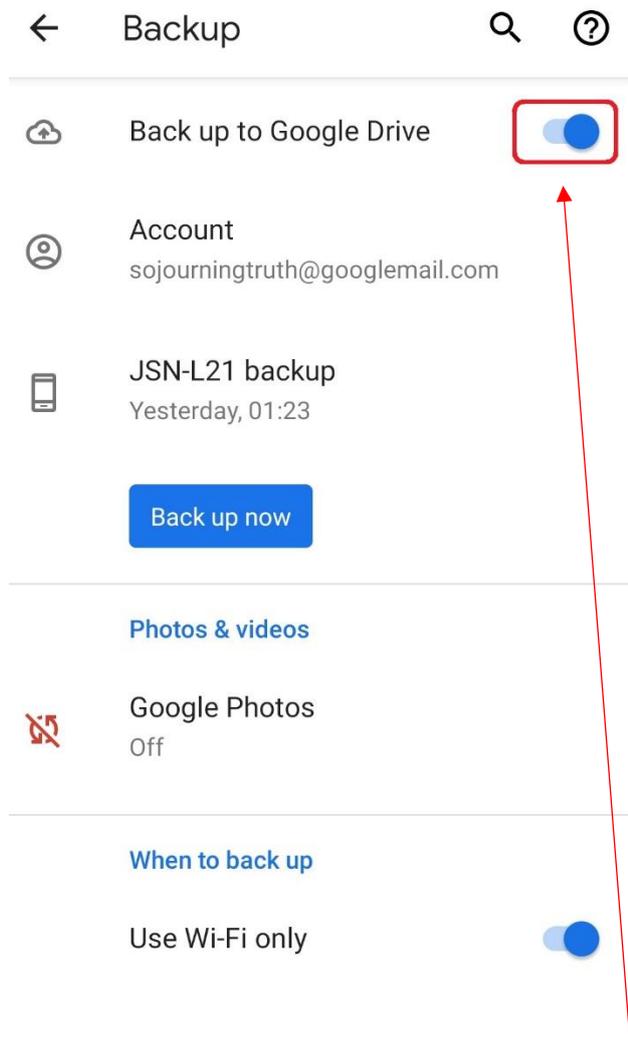
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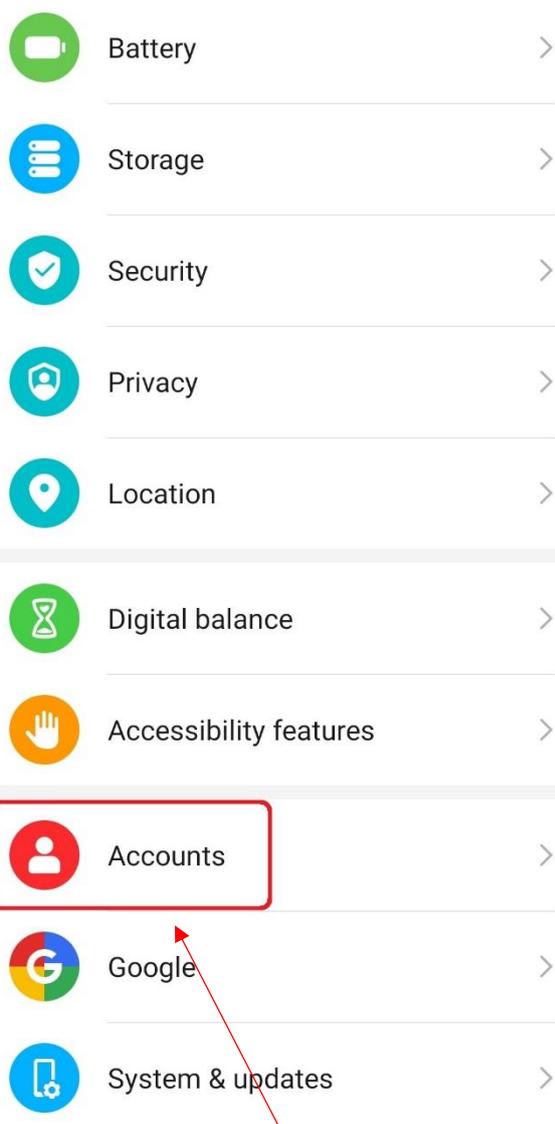
58. Select Backup.



59. Where it says Back up to Google Drive, slide the button off.

Check and remove other accounts on your device

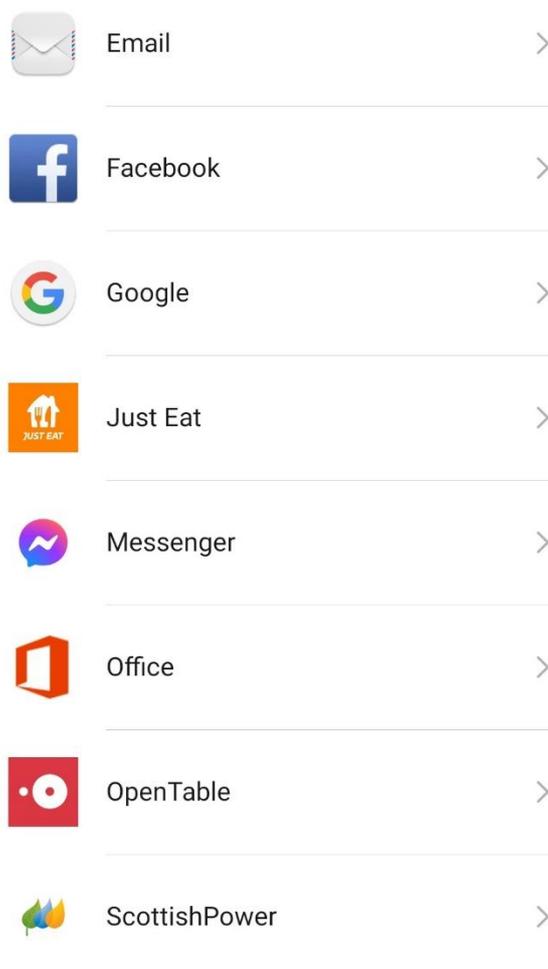
Settings



60. In Settings, select Accounts.

← Accounts

PERSONAL



61. Check the accounts on your device. If there are any you do not recognise or use, remove them by selecting them.

← **Twitter**



Rosenbergs

Twitter

Sync Twitter

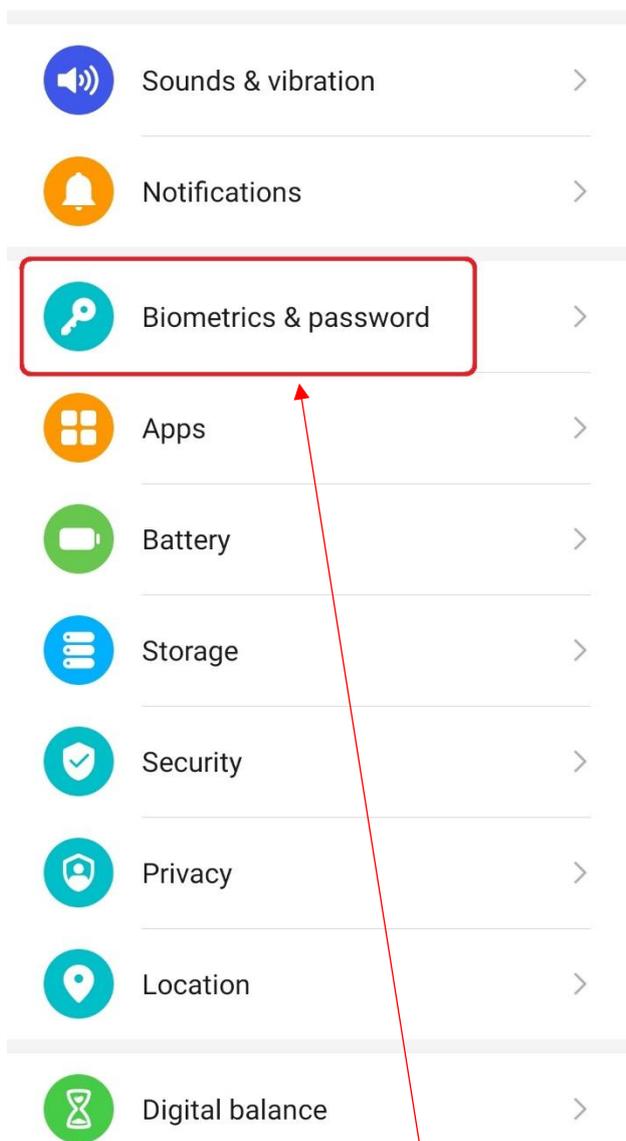
Auto-sync off, touch to sync



62. Select Remove.

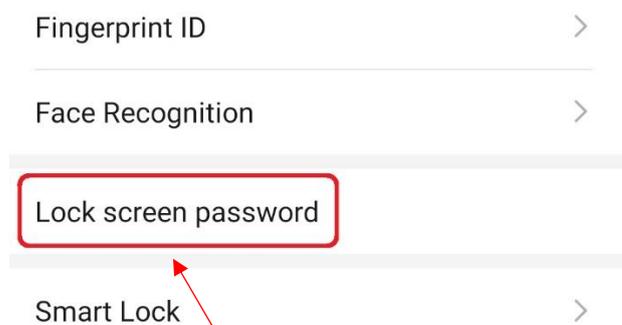
Add a screen lock

Settings



63. In Settings, select Biometrics & password.

← Biometrics & password



64. Select Lock screen password.

← Set lock screen PIN

Set a 6-digit PIN



Try not to forget your PIN. There is no way to recover it if you do.

CHANGE UNLOCK METHOD

65. Enter a PIN, or if you want to use another method, select Change Unlock Method.

Select unlock method

4-digit PIN

Custom PIN

Pattern

Password

CANCEL

66. In the pop-up box that appears, select your preferred method.

← Set lock screen password

Set a 4 to 32-character password (including at least 1 letter)

Try not to forget your password. There is no way to recover it if you do.

CHANGE UNLOCK METHOD

CANCEL

CONTINUE

67. Enter your PIN, pattern, or password, then select Continue.

← Set lock screen password

Confirm password

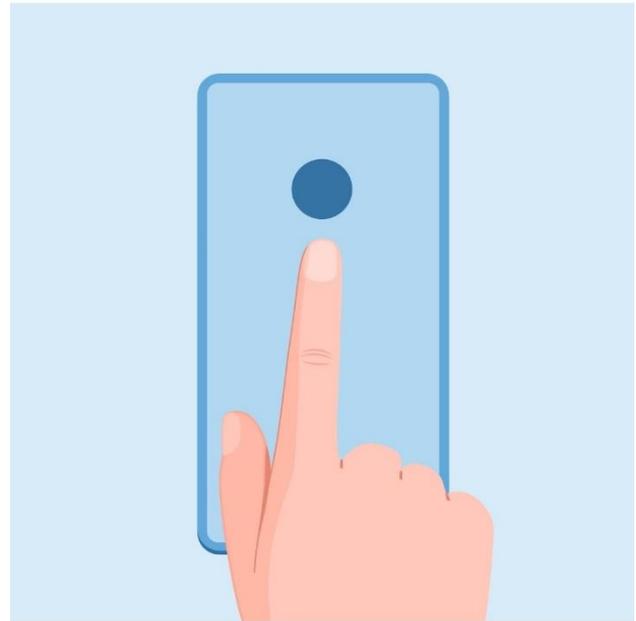
Try not to forget your password. There is no way to recover it if you do.

CANCEL

OK

68. Enter your PIN, pattern, or password, then select OK.

← **New fingerprint**



Add fingerprint

Press the fingerprint sensor on the back of your device. When you feel a slight vibration, lift your finger and press again.

Your fingerprint may be less secure than a strong PIN or pattern. Fingerprint data will be encrypted and stored only on your device.

70. Use the touch sensor to scan your fingerprint.

Add fingerprint

Password set for unlock. Add a fingerprint as well?

CANCEL

ADD

69. If your phone has a touch sensor, you may be asked if you want to add a fingerprint scan lock. If you want to, select Add.



Enrolment successful

Fingerprint 1 added

RENAME

OK

71. Once the scan is complete, select OK.

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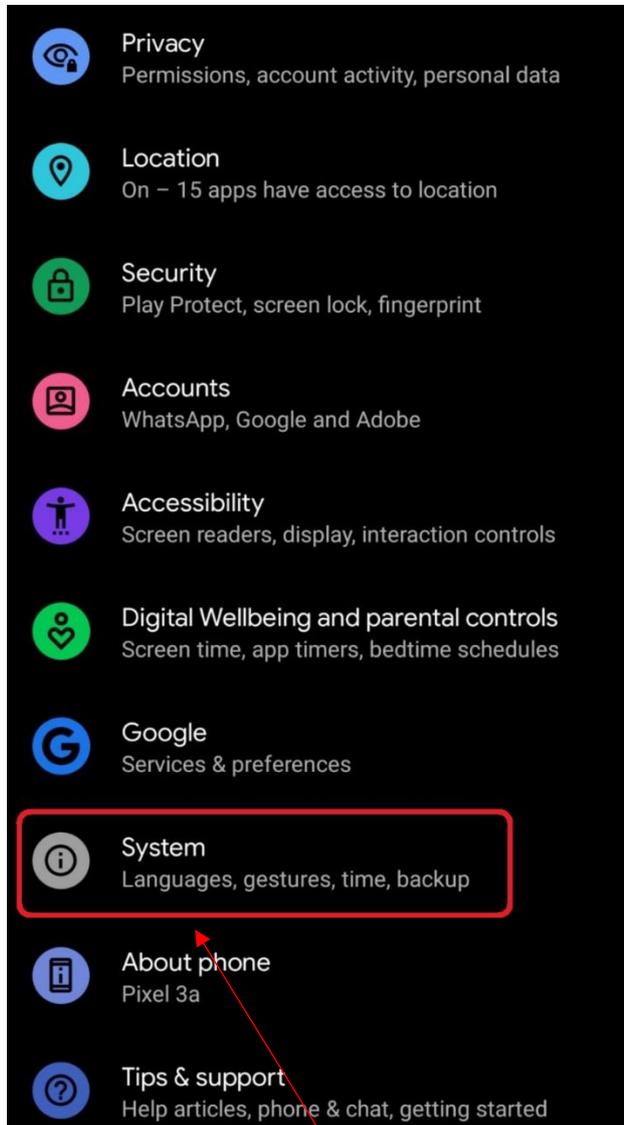
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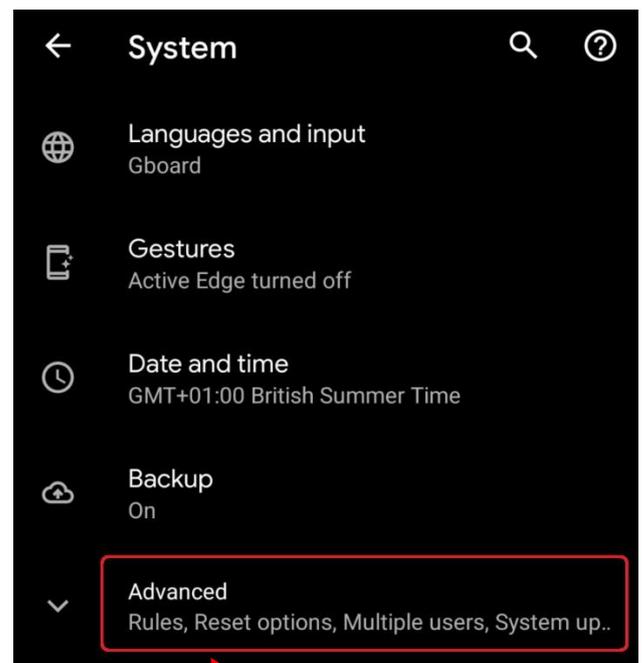
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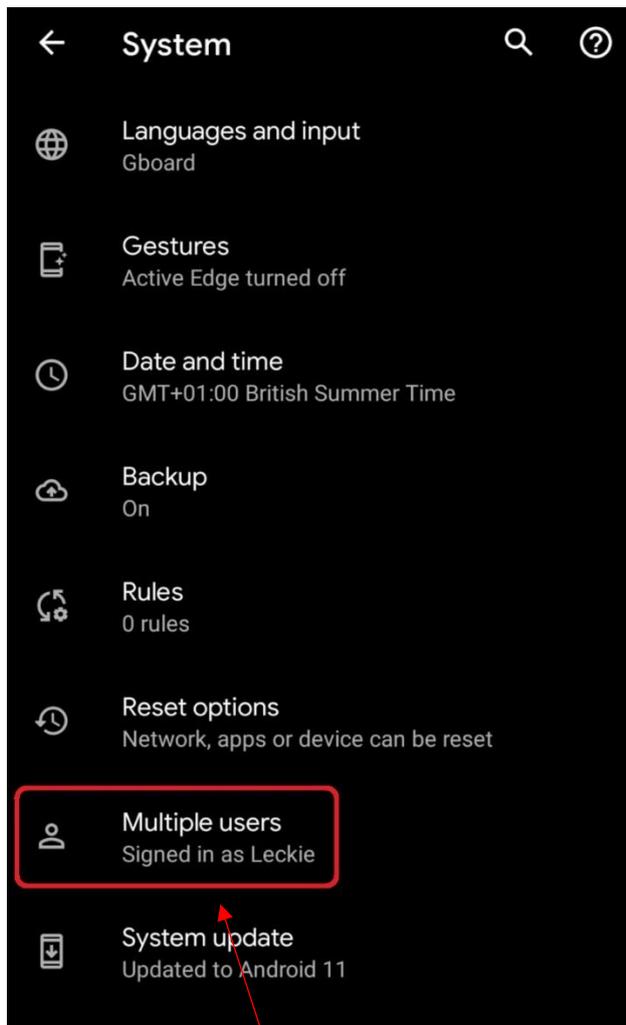
Ensure no guest accounts can be created while the device is locked



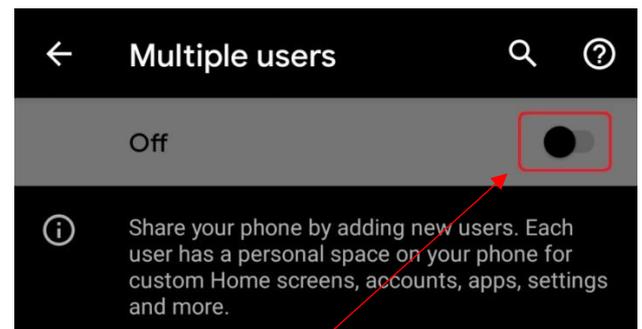
72. In Settings, select System.



73. Select Advanced.



74. Select Multiple users.



75. Slide the button to off.

Check who is listed as a device administrator

Settings

- Sounds & vibration
- Notifications
- Biometrics & password
- Apps
- Battery
- Storage
- Security**
- Privacy
- Location
- Digital balance

76. In Settings, select Security.

← Security

SECURITY STATUS

- Google Play Protect
Apps scanned at 12:45
- Find My Device
On
- Security update
1 April 2021
- Google Play system update
1 May 2021

Emergency SOS

App Lock

Safe

More settings

Looking for other settings?

[Permission manager](#)

[App Twin](#)

77. Select More settings.

← **More settings**

Device administrators >

Encryption and credentials >

Install apps from external sources >

Allow HiSuite to use HDB

HDB lets you connect your device to a computer (HiSuite) without using USB debugging mode.



Revoke HiSuite's HDB authorisations

Trusted agents >

View or deactivate trusted agents.

Usage information access >

Screen pinning

Off >

78. Select Device administrators.

← **Device administrators**



Find My Device

Allow Find My Device to lock or erase a lost device

Active >



Authenticator

Inactive >



Files

Inactive >

79. Check the users and apps listed.

Turn off location

Settings

-  Sounds & vibration >
-  Notifications >
-  Biometrics & password >
-  Apps >
-  Battery >
-  Storage >
-  Security >
-  Privacy >
-  **Location** >
-  Digital balance >

80. In Settings, select Location.

← Location

Access my location 

This service requires **Internet access**, the **Storage** and **Location permissions**, and needs to use **Wi-Fi** and **Bluetooth**. It also needs to access information about your network and location. Your location information will also be provided to other system services for updating the time zone. By enabling this feature, you agree to these terms and the [Statement About Location Services and Privacy](#).

Location >

Advanced settings >

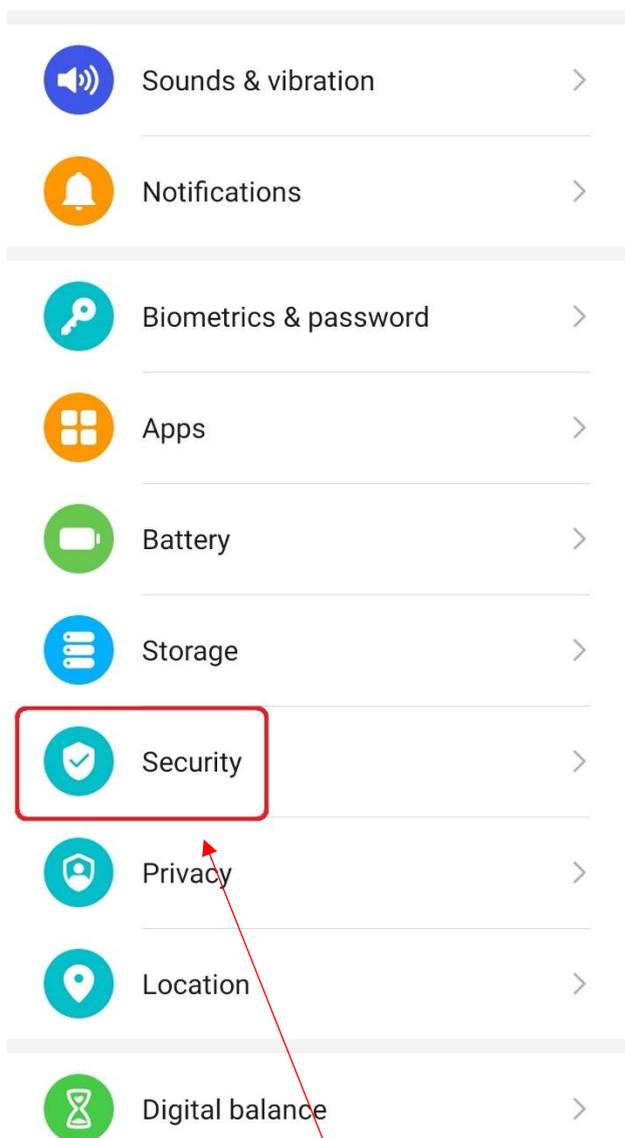
RECENT LOCATION REQUESTS

-  Chrome
Low battery use >
-  Facebook
Low battery use >
-  Maps
High battery use >
-  Snapchat
High battery use >

81. Where it says Access my location, slide the button off.

Make sure apps from unknown sources are not allowed

Settings



82. In Settings, select Security.

← Security

SECURITY STATUS

Google Play Protect >
Apps scanned at 12:45

Find My Device >
On

Security update >
1 April 2021

Google Play system update >
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Emergency SOS >

App Lock >

Safe >

More settings >

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83. Select More settings

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84. Select Install apps from external sources.

← Install apps from external sources

Search apps

 Backup No >

 Browser No >

 Chrome No >

 Drive No >

 Email No >

 Files No >

 Gallery No >

 Gmail No >

85. Your apps will be listed. Select each app.



Backup
Version 10.1.0.350



Allow app installs



Using apps from unknown sources will leave your device and personal data more vulnerable to security threats.

86. Slide the button off.

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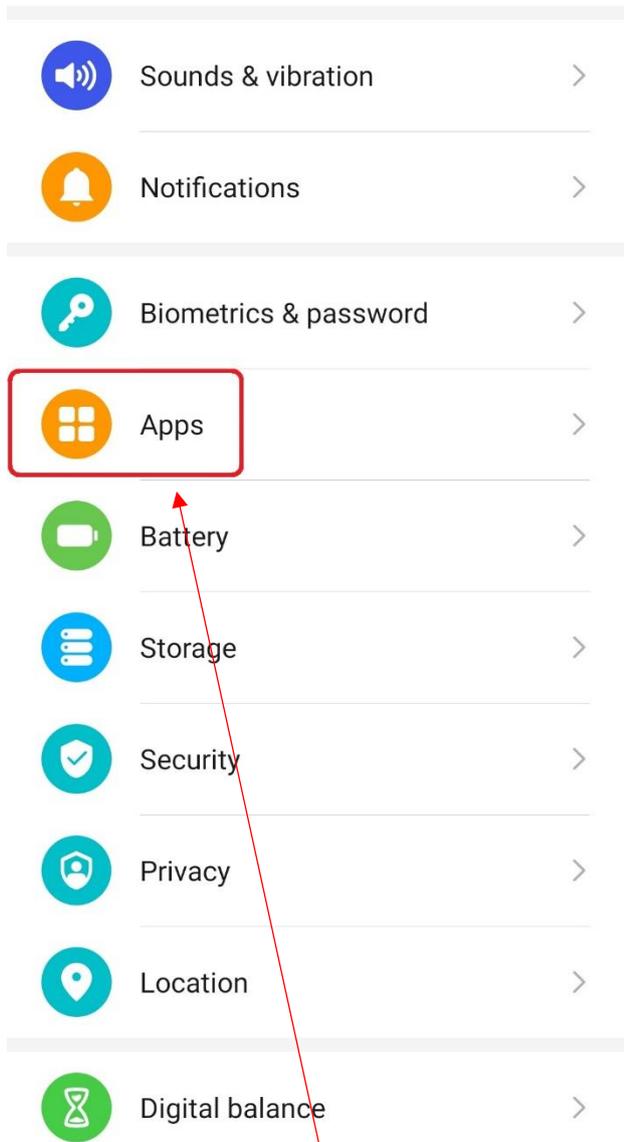
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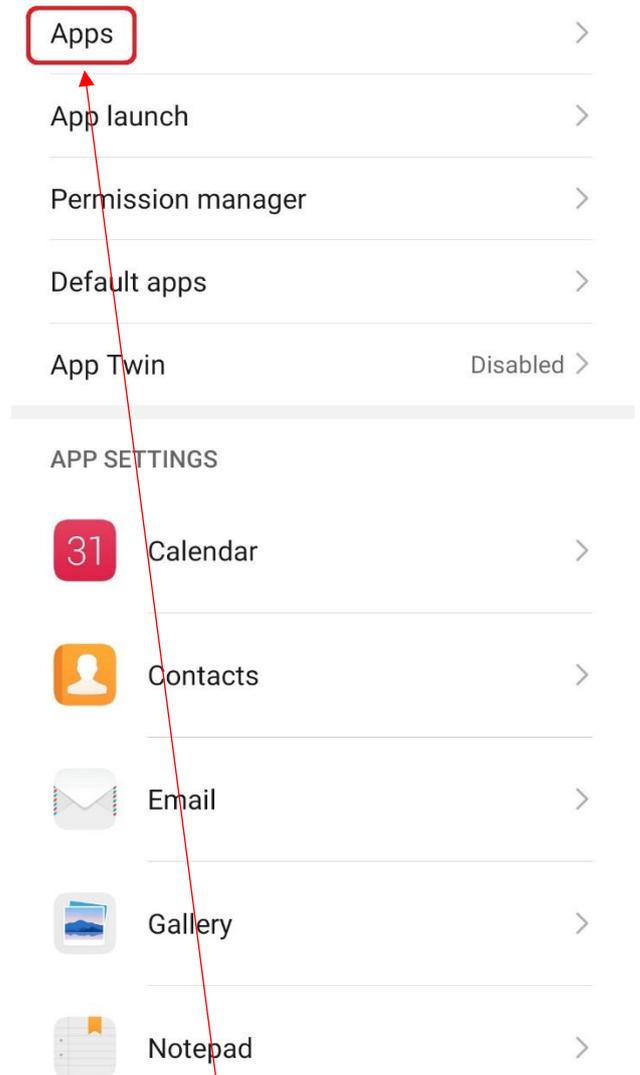
Check and uninstall unwanted or unused apps

Settings



87. In Settings, select Apps.

← Apps



88. Select Apps.

All apps ▾

🔍 Search apps

-  Acast >
-  AI Lens >
-  AJ English
53.00 MB >
-  All 4 >
-  Android Accessibility Suite >
-  Android Auto >
-  Android System WebView >

89. Check there are no apps there that you do not recognise, want, and use. If you do see any, select it.

← App info

 Next
Version 3.0.2

UNINSTALL

FORCE STOP

Notifications >

Permissions >

Data usage >

Storage >
Using 61.17 MB (internal storage)

Power usage details >
No battery use since last full charge

Open by default >
No defaults set

STORE

App details
App installed from Google Play Store.

90. Select Uninstall.

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Do you want to uninstall this app?

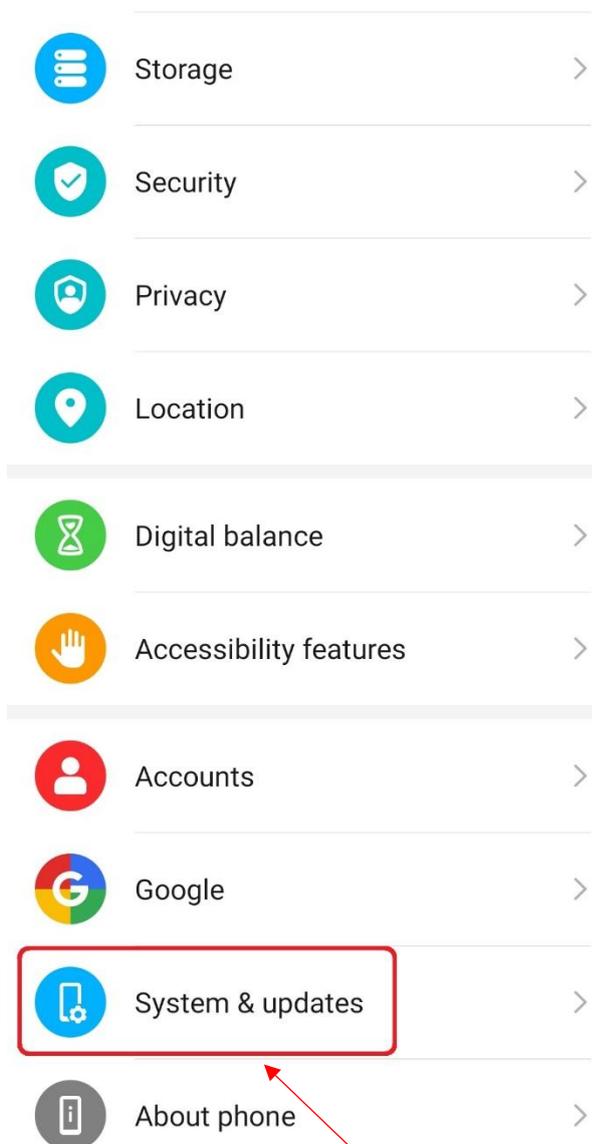
CANCEL

OK

91. In the pop-up box that appears, select OK.

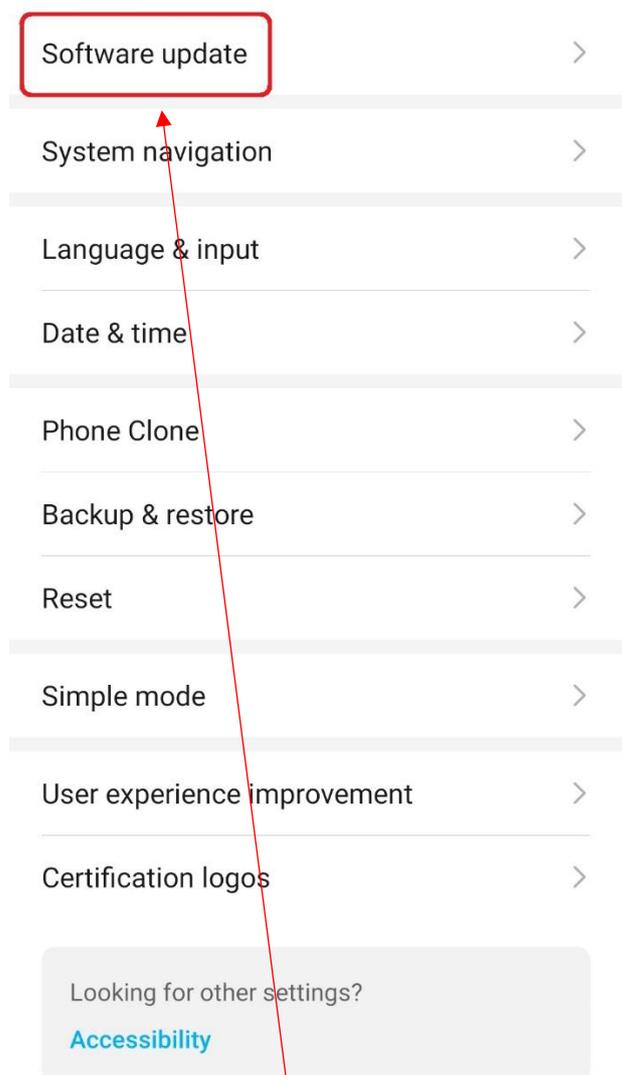
Ensure your system is kept up-to-date

Settings



92. In Settings, select System & updates.

← System & updates



93. Select Software update.

← Software update



Your software is up to date.

Current version

10.0.0.248(C432E6R1P3)



CHECK FOR UPDATES



94. Select Check For Updates.

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