iMessage is Apple's built-in messaging service. It allows users to send text messages, photos, videos etc to other Apple users. As it is a core part of the Apple operating system, it cannot be deleted or removed like a regular app. However, iMessage can be disabled and the app removed from the home screen.

Disable iMessage

- Go to Settings > Messages
- Toggle off the iMessage switch
- This will stop your device from sending and receiving iMessages

Remove iMessage from your home screen

iOS 17 and later:
- Hold down the iMessage app icon until it starts to wiggle
- Tap the '-' icon in the corner and select *Remove from Home Screen*
- Please note: iMessage is still accessible in your App Library

Older versions of iOS:
- Hold down the iMessage app icon and drag it to your App Library

(Please be aware that this could be undone by the boys if you are not using the iPad's built-in Content and Privacy restrictions.)