

The following are some of the most popular Games & Apps currently being used by children and Online Safety Resources

Know your Games



Twitch is a live streaming site which lets gamers share live gameplay for others to watch and comment on.



Roblox is an online game and app which allows creation of own games, play games others have made or chat to other players.

There are parental controls that allow for a selection of chat options and a PIN to allow age appropriate games to be played.



Among Us is popular with primary school children.

Players can join a game with their friends and the game randomly selects one of the players to be an 'imposter' who the other players aim to defeat.

Know your Apps



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover short video clips.

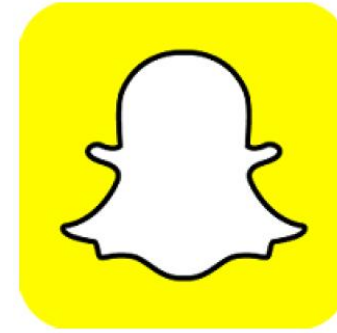
By default user accounts are automatically set to public when an account is created. This means anyone in the world can see what a user has posted on their account and can make contact with them.



Omegle – Talk to strangers! *"The Internet is full of cool people; Omegle lets you meet them."*

Omegle is a website which is specifically designed to allow users to talk to strangers.

It works by randomly matching users to talk one-to-one using either text or video. It is free and anonymous to use, with no account registration or age verification.



Snapchat is a picture and video sharing app.

Users can specify how long these posts stay on for before they disappear. However this does not mean images are permanently deleted as screen shots can be taken.

'Geofilters' can also be used which can show where a person is.



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What to Do

Make an agreement about use & time online and stick to it. Talk about:

- Some people may pretend to be someone else.
- The risks of giving personal data to anyone online (for example address, photo, school, bank details).
- The danger of meeting up with someone who they met online in the real world.
- Always telling a trusted adult if they are planning to do this and how to be safe.
- Share the same curiosity for online friends as you would for offline friends.

Information & Support Resources

Net Aware

NSPCC's Net Aware provides safety advice on all the most popular apps and games

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



UK Safer Internet Centre provides advice and resource to stay safe online

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Pace Parents against child exploitation

Support for parents and carers of children who have been or are at risk of exploitation

Reporting

If you are at all concerned by the way someone is behaving towards a child online, it is important to report it straight away.



In an emergency telephone: 999
For a non-emergency telephone: 101



Reports can be made to the [CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) who are part of the National Crime Agency.



Child sexual abuse content found online should be reported to the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF).