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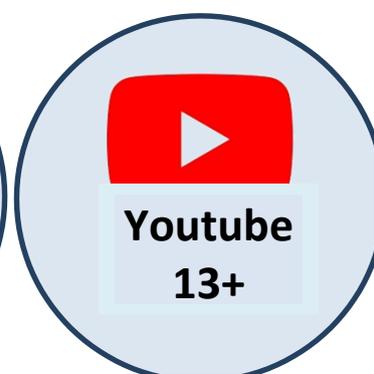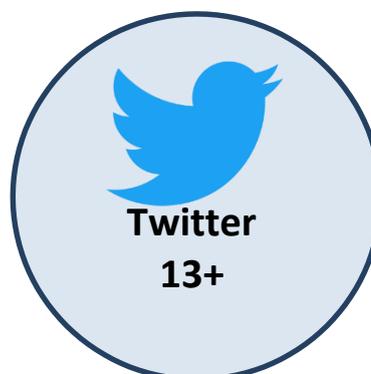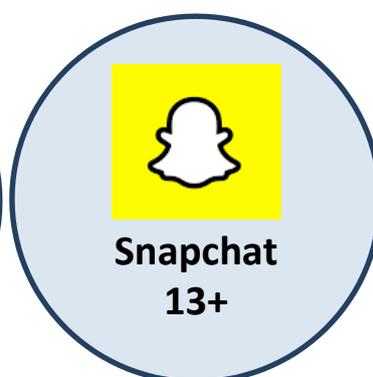
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Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?

Discord 13+	**Facebook 13+**	**Instagram 13+**	**Snapchat 13+**
TikTok 13+	**Twitch 13+**	**Twitter 13+**	**Youtube 13+**

What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

School Website

We would like to remind you that there are lots of resources on our school website. Under the information tab, please select Online Safety. There you will find a range of resources including previous newsletters and parental guides that are based on current games or issues facing young children. There are also a wide range of links to other trusted websites which can support you on understanding the internet in a little more detail.

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Minecraft is rated 7+ or 12+ depending on which version you are playing.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks to create their own worlds. If your child is playing Minecraft, then you need to ensure that it is being played safely.

<u>What should I be aware of?</u>

- Multiplayer – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings.

- Creative or survival mode? Creative mode removes the survival elements of the game (no monsters) so may be a more appropriate mode for your child to play.

- Chat facility – you do have the option to switch this off. –

Block and report players – as with any game that your child plays with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to tell others personal information such as where they live, what school they go to and their age. Set up appropriate parental controls

Don't forget to make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls dependent on the device your child is using to play Minecraft. For further information, this poster includes some great tips for playing Minecraft safely:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/onlinesafety/minecraft-pdf.pdf

Useful links

The following set of videos from the UK Safer Internet Centre are aimed at helping you to help your children.

Childnet International - http://www.childnet.com/resources

Childline - http://www.childline.org.uk

Think U Know (links to CEOP) - www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre - www.ceop.gov.uk

CBBC Stay Safe - www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe

Internet Matters - https://www.internetmatters.org/start-school-safe-online/

ONLINE SAFETY

Worried about something you've seen on the internet? Want to help your child be safer?

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

SMART

S — Stay Safe
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M — Don't Meet Up
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A — Accepting Files
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R — Reliable?
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T — Tell Someone
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!