

Key Apps: Remember!!

- Sharing inappropriate text, images, videos, can create problems for you. **THINK first!!**
- Other people sometimes lie about who they are & what they want.
- With many apps there is NO moderation at all, but most will remove offensive material.
- If you see something that offends or upsets you, find the button on the site & report it!!

	Facebook: People update their profile with text, photos, video and links, as well as location. You can send a " Friend " request. This allows you both to see each other's updates. You can decline "friend" request. Also has video facility. 13+
	Facebook Messenger: a messaging App that allows users to share text messages, photos, sketches, and other content. Facebook now offer Messenger Kids which is ad-free and gives parents some controls BUT Facebook are still collecting data on your children! 13+
	Twitter: Registered users can post text updates or " tweets " limited to 280 text characters. You can also share images, video & links. You " follow " someone else to see their tweets and they can "follow" you. Also has video facility. 13+
	Instagram: Allows sharing of photos & videos (up to 15 secs). Filters can be applied to images. Text is for captions / comments only. You "follow" someone else and they can follow you. Owned by Facebook. 13+
	Snapchat: users can take photos, videos, add text and drawings, and send them to a list of people from their contacts. Users set a time limit for how long their "Snaps" can be seen, (1-10 secs), after which they disappear. There are <i>other</i> apps that CAN capture these "Snaps". 13+
	Tumblr: This is a social media & micro-blogging platform. It allows users to post short blogs in the form of text, images, video, and animation from tablet or phone. Users can "follow" other users' blogs. A place where children might become intrigued with self-harming / eating disorders. 13+
	You Tube: The BIG video sharing site. Users create a "channel", upload and edit videos, and set whether or not the videos are publicly viewable. Viewers may comment and subscribe to your "channel" if they like your stuff. 13+
	Vimeo: A video sharing site similar to You Tube. High definition. No adverts. 16+
	Pop jam: Similar to Instagram, this is a creative website for children and young people. You can share drawings, photos and audio messages with friends and other people. 11+
	Musical.ly: Very easy to create & edit short videos using filters, soundtracks, etc. Difficult to safeguard children from seeing weird, crazy, sexual videos. If you allow you child to use, ensure account is private and monitor what they do. 16+
	Pinterest: Users create an online notice board relating to a topic of interest. (Eg: birthday parties, planning a vacation, writing a book, interior decorating, holidays, favourite sport). Boards become a collection of links, images and data and can be useful to develop & organize projects, or save info. 13+
	WhatsApp: world's most popular App, allows users to share text messages, images, video, and audio media messages as well as their location using location technology. (Now owned by Facebook) 16+
	Kik: a messenger App that allows users to share text messages, photos, sketches, and other content. 17+
	Whisper: allows users to share thoughts & ideas anonymously, in the form of text superimposed over an image, "similar to greetings cards". You can receive replies. It is all anonymous unless you share details.
	Parent Control Apps: allow you to control from your device the websites, games & apps children can use on their device. Some also allow the child's device to be switched off at specific times. Our Pact, Kids lox, Curbi, Limitly and others. Some are free, others cost.
	Video chat Apps allow video chat and voice calls from computers, tablets and mobile devices via the Internet to other devices / smartphones. Apps include: Skype, ooVoo, Facetime. 13+
	Video streaming Apps: Very useful to keep in touch with distant relatives and friends but they are also used by child-abusers who target children with tricks, dares and threats to manipulate them into nudity or sexual acts which are recoded and shared. You are advised NOT to allow these on your child's device. Facebook and Twitter also contain similar.

