

Dear Year 5 and Year 6,

Children as young as 8 are better at using the Internet than their parents; skills include playing games online, making new friends in chat rooms and even knowing the basics of hacking! The Internet can take anyone – anywhere and everywhere! Following our recent E-Safety afternoon with the ‘2 Johns’, we have produced this short guide for parents, explaining the different apps that children in Year 5/6 might be using.

Later Years Teachers

SOCIAL				MUSIC		GAMES		
								
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What is it? WhatsApp uses the internet to send messages, images, audio or video.	What is it? YouTube makes it easy to watch online videos. You can even create and upload your own videos to share with others.	What is it? Snapchat lets you share photos, videos, text and drawings that expire and automatically delete themselves after a set time, ranging from a few seconds up to 24 hours.	What is it? Instagram allows users to share pictures and videos either publicly or privately.	What is it? Musical.ly is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos.	What is it? Live.ly is the live version of Musical.ly.	What is it? Pokemon Go is a free, location-based roaming game. Players use a mobile device's GPS ability to locate, capture, battle, and train virtual creatures, called Pokémon.	What is it? Roblox is a game-creation site where users design and upload their own games, as well as play other games in a multiplayer environment. Many games include weapons.	
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Safety Tips for Children ☺ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never share information when you do not have to e.g. address, school, DOB etc. Never wear your school uniform in any pictures or videos shared on the internet. Always tell the truth. Always tell your parents with whom you play/use the app. Always get permission if you will be going to new places or meeting new people. 				Safety Tips for Parents ☺ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set ground rules as a family e.g. No inappropriate pictures of language to be used. Do not share pictures or videos of your children in their school uniform on the internet. Remind children that when sharing pictures and videos they should not be wearing their school uniform. Encourage honesty – if your child sees anything inappropriate, they should tell you. Turn off in-app purchases on your children's games. Remind your children of the E-Safety talk they had at school – what can they remember? 				

PLEASE NOTE *Websites suggested have parental feedback from other users. There are many other sites that offer advice.