






Top apps and games to be aware of

APP/GAME	WHAT IS IT?	LISTEN OUT FOR PUPILS TALKING ABOUT:
 <p>TikTok</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users share short videos of themselves, often lip-syncing to music, and watch other people's videos • You can gain 'fans' and follow other people • There are often 'challenges' that spread among users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos that sound inappropriate • 'Challenges' that are potentially dangerous • Strangers they've made contact with through TikTok • Content about eating disorders and bullying content
 <p>Snapchat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture, video and message-sharing with contacts • 'Snaps' disappear and aren't saved on phones • Known for sharing nude and semi-nude images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing explicit images and requests for photos • Screenshots of 'Snaps' being shared • Strangers they've made contact with
 <p>Twitch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A website where users can watch videos and live streams of other users, typically playing computer games • They can also live stream themselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strangers they've made contact with • Inappropriate content they've seen
 <p>Minecraft</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A game where children explore an online world. They can use 'building blocks' to customise the world and create new parts to it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Griefing', where someone intentionally ruins the game for others • Contact with strangers
 <p>Roblox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An online game creating system where you can create and publish games, and play other users' games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Griefing', where someone intentionally ruins the game for others • Contact with strangers

Remember – always watch out for changes in pupils' behaviour, and report any concerns to the DSL.

Further information

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](http://www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding): www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding

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