



Online Safety

Welcome to the first issue of our Abbey School online safety newsletter. Each half term we will be providing useful information & guidance to help keep your children safe when using the internet.

In this issue you will find general information about some of the most common online apps, games and social networking sites as well as links to websites for 2 popular games; Minecraft & Fortnite, for parents & carers. These websites provide further guidance how you can help keep your child safe when online or using games consoles.



Instagram Is a photo and video sharing social network. Users can **upload** photos and videos, create stories, use hashtags and create live videos.

Who uses it & why? Instagram is popular with all generations, many celebrities and businesses use Instagram to promote many services. Instagram is easy to use and it is easy to network with lots of people and follow things of interest to you.



Youtube is the worlds largest video chatting website that allows users to upload and vide videos for entertainment or education. Users can **subscribe** to their favourite channels.

Who uses it & why? YouTube is popular with all generations. YouTube has an ever expanding content with videos for almost every search term. YouTube is also a common replacement for conventional TV.



TikTok: A hugely popular video sharing app, that allows short videos (3-15 seconds) to be uploaded, viewed and commented on.

Who uses it & why? This app is currently extremely popular but especially with people under 25 years old. The app is seen as a “fun” app and was particularly popular during lockdown 2020.

Parental Controls

Fortnite:

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to find more information about Fortinte & how to keep your child safe when playing the game.



Minecraft:

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to find more information about Minecraft & how to keep your child safe when playing the game.



Roblox is an interactive social platform for play. It is a **multi player** game that allows users to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world.

Who uses it and why? Roblox is very popular with mainly children. Roblox is free to play and is available on all smartphones, tablets and Xbox One consoles.