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We have produced this short guide for parents, explaining the different apps that children in Years 5/6 might be using.

SOCIAL				MUSIC+	GAMES	
Whatsapp	YouTube	Snapchat	Instagram	TikTok	Pokemon Go	RoBlox
						
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<b>What is it?</b> WhatsApp uses the internet to send messages, images, audio or video.	<b>What is it?</b> YouTube makes it easy to watch online videos. You can even create and upload your own videos to share with others.	<b>What is it?</b> 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.	<b>What is it?</b> Instagram allows users to share pictures and videos either publicly or privately.	<b>What is it?</b> Tik Tok is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short videos, often with a musical content.	<b>What is it?</b> 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.	<b>What is it?</b> 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.
<b>More information:</b> <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/</a>	<b>More information:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>	<b>More information:</b> <a href="http://www.connectsafely.org/">http://www.connectsafely.org/</a>	<b>More information:</b> <a href="https://help.instagram.com/">https://help.instagram.com/</a>	<b>More information:</b> <a href="https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews">https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews</a>	<b>More information:</b> <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/prevention/abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/prevention/abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/</a>	<b>More information:</b> <a href="https://corp.roblox.com/parents/">https://corp.roblox.com/parents/</a>
<b>Risks!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You could be exposed to graphic language, explicit images, and other inappropriate material.</li> <li>You could inadvertently give out personal information e.g. pictures/logos of home, school in the background of videos.</li> <li>Wearing school uniform or club logo uniform can tell people on the internet where they can find you.</li> <li>You could receive cyber bullying through comments.</li> <li>In addition to these risks, 'Whatsapp' also reveals the exact location where photos/videos were taken.</li> </ul>				<b>Risks!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You could be exposed to graphic language, explicit images, and other inappropriate material.</li> <li>You could inadvertently give out personal information e.g. pictures/logos of home, school in the background of videos.</li> <li>Wearing school uniform or club logo uniform can tell people on the internet where they can find you.</li> <li>You could receive cyber bullying through comments.</li> </ul>		<b>Risks!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You never know who they might meet when roaming.</li> <li>Easily lured to places that aren't safe for children.</li> <li>It can cost a lot of money through in-app purchases. Pokémon Go asks for personal information like your birth date and email address.</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Tips for Children ©</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Never</b> share information when you do not have to e.g. address, school, DOB etc.</li> <li><b>Never</b> wear your school uniform in any pictures or videos shared on the internet.</li> <li><b>Always</b> tell the truth.</li> <li><b>Always</b> tell your parents with whom you play/use the app.</li> <li><b>Always</b> get permission if you will be going to new places or meeting new people.</li> </ul>				<b>Safety Tips for Parents ©</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set ground rules as a family e.g. No inappropriate pictures of language to be used.</li> <li>Do not share pictures or videos of your children in their school uniform on the internet.</li> <li>Remind children that when sharing pictures and videos they should not be wearing their school uniform.</li> <li>Encourage honesty – if your child sees anything inappropriate, they should tell you.</li> <li>Turn off in-app purchases on your children's games.</li> <li>Remind your children of the E-Safety talk they had at school – what can they remember?</li> </ul>		

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