

Vine is a social media app that lets users post and watch looping six-second video clips. Videos run the gamut from stop-motion clips of puzzles doing and undoing themselves to six-second skits showing how a child wakes up on a school day vs. a day during summer.

- It's full of inappropriate videos
- There are significant privacy concerns
- Parents can be star performers (without knowing)

WhatsApp is a free cross-platform instant messaging service. As with all text messaging services children send short messages to other users.

- There have been problems with Spam
- It can extract the users phone list
- User have to be careful who is contacting them

### Instant Messaging

There are many other Apps and Websites. Many of them allow Instant Messaging and other connections. Instant Messaging is online chat which offers real-time text transmission over the Internet. There are many versions, with some like Chat Roulette, allowing random connections to anyone in the world. Users may not know who they are really talking to and this type of application has been used as a starting place for grooming activities.

# What comes after Facebook?



## E-safety education

With all children it is important to remember that it is education that prevents many issues. The banning of children from using these Websites and Apps may appear attractive and is in some cases necessary. A discussion and agreement about their use may be a more sustainable way forward with many children.

There are a wealth of resources that are available to support you in understanding how to be safe and in supporting others..

Look at our web site: <http://bit.ly/somersetesafety>



A guide to some of the most popular websites, social networking and apps that young people use



Although still the most popular social network site in the world (and the second most popular app in the world) Facebook is not the only place that young people use to communicate. This document explores other popular websites and apps, some of the reasons why they are popular and, concerns you may want to consider.

Much of the information in this booklet comes from Common Sense media at: <http://bit.ly/1bJ9CEv>

Facebook	Users create a personal profile, add other users as friends, exchange messages, and receive automatic notifications when others update their profile. Additionally, users may join common-interest user groups, such as those centred around hobbies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children like to be connected</li> <li>• You can only chat with approved friends (when security settings are in place)</li> <li>• It can be distracting</li> <li>• Children still prefer in-person communication</li> </ul>
Ask.fm	is a social site that lets children ask questions and answer those posted by other users - sometimes anonymously. Although there are some friendly interactions on Ask.fm - Q&As about favourite foods or crushes, for example - there are lots of mean comments and some creepy sexual posts. This iffy content is part of the site's appeal for children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying is a major concern</li> <li>• Anonymous answers are optional</li> <li>• Q&amp;As can appear on Facebook</li> </ul>
Instagram	is a platform that lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos - either publicly or with a network of followers. It unites the most popular features of social media sites: sharing, seeing, and commenting on photos.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are on the lookout for "Likes."</li> <li>• Public photos are the default</li> <li>• Mature content can slip in</li> </ul>

MyLoL	Is an international social networking site. MyLoL bills itself as "the #1 teen dating site". Users can post photos and videos, chat, and rank each other's "hotness." Visitors don't have to log in to search public profiles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are posts of a sexually explicit nature</li> <li>• There are many 'adult' users</li> <li>• The site has one purpose, the encouragement of relationships</li> </ul>
Skype, Facetime and Oovoo	are free video, voice, and messaging apps. With Oovoo users can have group chats with up to 12 people for free. Children mostly use these to hang out with friends. Many log on after school and keep it on while doing homework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can only chat with approved friends</li> <li>• Some history of children connecting with 'unknowns'</li> <li>• It can be distracting</li> <li>• Children still prefer in-person communication</li> </ul>
Snapchat	is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Children use it for: sending goofy or embarrassing photos to one another. Snapchats also seem to send and load much "faster" than email or text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many schools have yet to block it</li> <li>• It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever— Snapchats can be captured by other apps</li> <li>• It can make sexting seem OK</li> </ul>
Tumblr	is a cross between a blog and Twitter: It's a streaming scrapbook of text, photos, and/or videos and audio clips. Many children have tumblrs for personal use - sharing photos, videos, musings, and things they find funny with their friends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Porn is easy to find</li> <li>• Privacy can be guarded, but only through an awkward workaround</li> <li>• Posts are often copied and shared</li> </ul>
Twitter	is a micro- blogging site that allows users to post 140 character messages. You can follow other users. Children like using it to share quick news about their lives with friends. It's also great for keeping up with what's going on in the world - breaking news, celebrity gossip, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public tweets are the norm</li> <li>• Bullying (trolling) does happen</li> <li>• Updates appear immediately</li> <li>• It's a promotional tool for celebs</li> </ul>

