



## The Borders Partnership of Schools



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Dear Families

## Online Safety Information

### NET AWARE NSPCC

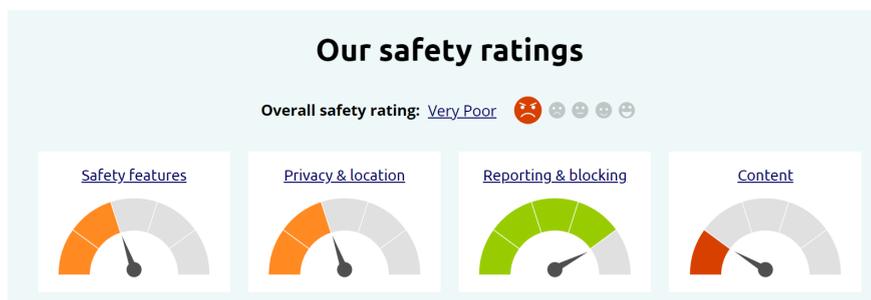
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Everyday our social world is becoming increasingly online via social media, apps and online connectivity. Our children are becoming more tech savvy and experience pressure to have the latest app; being surrounded by the rise of 'social influencers' and 'gaming' as a career aspiration means that online safety is essential.

Below is a variety of apps/online social platforms that your child/ren may be using. Does the official age rating surprise you?

**NET AWARE NSPCC** website is a fantastic website filled with the most up to date information regarding the variety of apps and platforms your child may already be using or wish to use. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> Please use this link to find out more.

It also includes a very useful safety rating guide for all of the apps, games and media platforms that are available to our children and it has a search facility.



The website also has lots of advice about how to talk to your children about online safety and the risks. You can find guidance on how to set up parental controls on devices.

I hope this guide is useful.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Scott



## Instagram

Instagram is a picture and video sharing app. Users can post content on their profile grid or to their stories, which last 24 hours. You can follow your friends, family, celebrities and companies on Instagram. Instagram also has a live streaming feature.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## Houseparty

Houseparty is a free video chat app where you can talk to people one-on-one or in groups of up to eight, with people you know and people you might not. You can also play games with the people you're chatting to.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## Messenger

Messenger is a free chat app that lets you send messages, photos, videos and audio recordings, and play games with your Facebook and Instagram friends and phone contacts. You need a Facebook or Instagram account to use Messenger.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids has been designed as a child-friendly version of YouTube for 0-12 year olds. It gives parents tools to help tailor what videos their children can watch. YouTube Kids uses a mix of filters, human reviewers and parent feedback to minimise the risk of children seeing something inappropriate or harmful.

**0+**

Official  
age rating



## Slap Kings

Slap Kings is a free mobile game where you virtually slap your opponent in the face to earn points and go up levels. You play against the game, rather than other players, and there aren't any communication features. The game has overtly violent themes.

**12+**

Official  
age rating



## YOLO

YOLO is an app that lets users anonymously ask and answer questions posted on Snapchat stories. YOLO says that anyone aged 13 or over needs parental permission to use the app.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## Twitter

Twitter is a social media site and app that lets you post messages called tweets. These can be up to 280 characters long. As well as tweets, you can send private messages and post pictures and videos. You can also livestream on Twitter.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## byte

byte is a video sharing app that lets you shoot, upload and share 15 second videos. There's a feed which shows you popular videos, an explore page and individual profile pages. Anybody can comment on your videos (and you on theirs) and all videos you share can be downloaded by other users – so it's best to think before you share.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## TikTok

TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

**13+**

Official  
age rating



## Kik

Kik is a free instant messaging app that lets you send text, photo and video messages to individuals or groups. You can also play games and talk to chatbots. The 'Meet New People' feature lets you start a conversation with random users – for this reason we wouldn't recommend Kik for under 18s.

**13+**

Official  
age rating