

Online Safety information

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Tik Tok - Replacing Musical.ly

As of the 2nd of August, the famous lip-syncing app Musical.ly was no longer available to download in the app store. Musical.ly merged with the Chinese platform, Tik Tok, meaning users who created an account with Musical.ly have been transferred over to Tik Tok. Parent guide to follow.



Fortnite Season 6

On the 27th of September, Fortnite released their new update, titled 'season 6.' Although the new update means new themes, skins and challenges, there isn't much difference with the way the game works.

However, new skins and items, included in the £8 battle pass, means children and young teenagers may take an alternative route of trying to buy these new items on unregulated websites.



Finsta



The term 'finsta' is a combination of the two words 'fake' and 'Instagram.' People may have a 'Finsta' to upload content they don't want to share on their primary accounts, or even to troll others. Also known as 'Private account'. Whether or not these profiles are used to post risqué photographs, or simply content that they only want their friendship group to see, using fake accounts can have negatives consequences.



Apple IOS Update

The new update for Apple devices, titled IOS12, allows users to see how much time they spend on their devices, schedule in time away from their screen, set time limits for certain apps, and even change their content and privacy restrictions.



YouTube Kids App

YouTube Kids now allows parents handpick videos and channels that their children can see, giving parents and guardians full control over what their children view on the app. This feature is only currently available on Android devices.



Snapchat Baiting

Snapchat 'Baiting' is the term used to describe the action of requesting somebody, often a stranger, to flirt with a 'victim' online and ask them to send sexually explicit images. These images are then sent back to the requester and are used either for personal use or with the aim to bully and humiliate the victim. There are a number of concerns about this type of activity, predominantly, the illegalities and dangers of 'sexting' and communicating with strangers. People are also using other platforms such as Facebook to initiate contact with the victim, and Tumblr to request for 'bait.'