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SAFE KIDS SOCIAL MEDIA APPS

Learn and understand the technology children are using. Spend time teaching your children how to use the app(s) and become good cyber citizens. Only permit children access to **age appropriate** social media apps. The list below includes a few age appropriate safe choices for children. Most apps listed are available on the Google Play Store and/or the App Store (Apple). Test out social media applications (APPS) before introducing to your children.

Azomee Kids: <http://azomee.com/> Age: 5-7. Fun, safe space to play, learn, communicate.

XooLoo Digital Coach and Messenger: <https://www.xooloo.com/> Age 6+. Empowering Kids to be Responsible Digital Citizens

Village Social <https://www.village.me/> Age: 7+ (parents recommended age). Social tool gives parents oversight and kids some privacy.

Blinx: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=boxnox.blinx&hl=en_CA Age: 8+. Simple way for families to share fun pictures and stories.

GeckoLife: <https://geckolife.com/site/home> Age: 8+. Safer social media option for family sharing.

PK XD – Explore the Universe <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/pk-xd-explore-the-universe> Age: 8+. Kid-safe virtual world with in-app purchases.

Cocoon - A Space for Family <https://cocoon.com/> Age: 10+. Social media sharing for close-knit groups and families.

Franktown Rocks: <http://www.franktownrocks.com/> Ages: 10+. Music and social networking combine in safe, cool hangout.

Girl2Girl Wall <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/girl2girl-wall> Age: 9+. Bully-free zone for girls to start social networking.

Home Base by Scholastic <https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/games/homebase/> Age: 10+. Book series fans meet, play in kid-friendly virtual world.

Sweetie High <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/website-reviews/sweetie-high> Age: 10+. Closed social network for girls is strong on privacy.

Kidzworld <https://www.kidzworld.com/> Age: 11+. Well-monitored site where kids uphold community standards.

Online children apps do change from time to time and a simple online search can provide updated choices. Be sure to read the reviews, verify the apps are safe, and test them out. July 2020

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