

Social – staying connected

As well as Facetime and Skype which many people will be familiar with there are many apps which can be downloaded onto a phone or tablet to stay in touch with friends and family. However, it is advisable to carefully check permissions on each app and current guidance as information about using online communications is changing very quickly.

- Whatsapp – a secure service offering free calls, messages and video calling.
<https://www.whatsapp.com/>
- Houseparty - a video chat social network which allows users to speak to up to eight friends at a time. It also has built-in games and quizzes.
<https://houseparty.com/>
- Google Hangouts - an easy-to-use video calling option from Google. Anyone with a Google account can setup a meeting with their friends, with a maximum capacity of 25 people on the free version.
- Duo – a simple video calling app.
<https://duo.google.com/about/>