SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES YOUR CHILD MAY BE USING WITHOUT YOU EVEN KNOWING. SEE OUR LIST OF THE MOST POPULAR…………

THE FOLLOWING GAMES CONTAIN A CHAT FUNCTION AND A FRIEND REQUEST FUNCTION..........

The games on the next slides allow for ANYONE to make a friend request to your child.

Are you monitoring their games?

Are you checking the settings of game so that only people your child knows can get in contact with them?

Are children being nice to one another on the game?

Did your child use your email to set up their account?
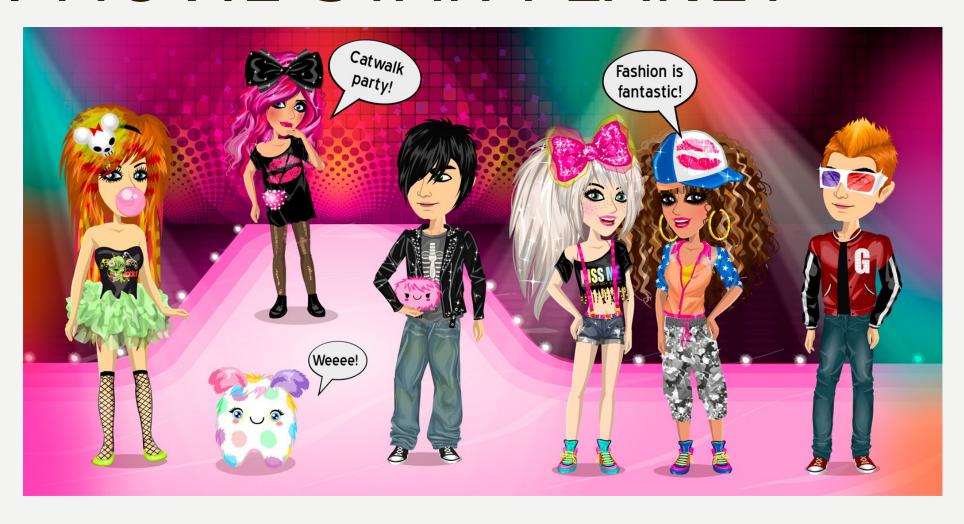
1. ROBLOX

2. MINECRAFT

3. CLUB PENGUIN

4. HABBO

5. MOVIE STAR PLANET

LASTLY - VLOGGING

- Does your child enjoy watching vloggers on YouTube? Are they a vlogger?

- If your child uses YouTube to vlog or watch vloggers, they could become exposed to inappropriate language and behaviour. They may also be encouraged by peers to upload inappropriate pictures and videos. **YouTube is aged restricted for a reason.**

AT MOUNT CARMEL, THESE SOCIAL GAMES ARE DISCOURAGED, ALTHOUGH SOME DO HAVE EDUCATIONAL VALUE. THEREFORE WE MUST EQUIP CHILDREN WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE……

WE JUST ASK THAT YOU…..

- 1. Monitor your child's online habits.
- 2. Ask them to use social gaming responsibly….not being unkind etc.
- 3. Tell them to trust their instinct…not giving strangers information about themselves, especially personal info and photos.
- 4. Check your child's account settings. Every game/app has these and you might want to make sure that your child cannot talk to anyone they don't know.

MORE HINTS AND TIPS

- Take a look at or sign up for some of the social networking sites yourself to get a feel for what they're all about. You might find them fun!

- It's also a good idea to take a look at the privacy information or safety tips provided on the social networking sites themselves.

- Engage with your children about their experiences on the Internet, without making it seem like you're snooping on them. Show interest in their online activities so they feel comfortable about sharing experiences with you.

- Try to set limits on Internet usage at home. It's not a good idea for children to spend inordinate amounts of time in front of a screen, be it TV, games console or computer so make sure you set house rules on how the Internet is to be used at home: which sites can be visited, how long each member can spend on the computer, etc.

- Help your child to feel confident about their place in the online community. Make sure that, just as in the real world, it's important they never follow the herd if they're uncomfortable about doing something.