

Keep in touch with video chats

The Corona virus pandemic has meant that we can't meet up with family and friends but luckily the internet came help us out with its many options for video chatting.

Why would you want to use video chats instead of talking over the telephone?

- If you already have an internet connection it is free to chat to or make a video call
- Its nice to see the person your talking to especially if talking to children.
- Its possible to have group chats with friends and family even if some have iPhones and some Android Phones.

There are many different apps out there to get us connecting to our friends, here are just some of the more popular ones.

Zoom Meeting

You can use Zoom meeting on either your Android Smartphone or your iPhone, download the Zoom Meeting App from your app store.

If you want to chat to a lot of your friends at the same time Zoom is ideal as up to 100 people can talk at the same time!

If you have the internet you can turn on your wi fi setting on your phone and use Zoom for free chats and video calls. The chances are some of your friends will have iPhones and some Android but Zoom can work with either type of phone.

Zoom Meeting can also be used on your iPad or Android tablet by downloading from the relevant App store

If you want to chat to a lot of friends you can also use it on your PC or Mac, this video on YouTube is easy to follow to connect to Zoom from your PC

Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time; Fun and Easy Online Connection

<https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>

What's App

You can use What's App on either your Android Smartphone or your iPhone, download the What's App App from your app store.

What's App is great if you have a smaller group of friends to chat to as you can have up to 16 friends on one video call.

If you have the internet you can turn on your wi fi setting on your phone and use What's App for free and like Zoom it works on both iPhones and Android Smartphones.

You can also use What's App on your PC or Mac, and it can be downloaded via the Microsoft Store or Apple App Store.

On YouTube there is a series of Videos about What's App from a channel called Techboomers . There is a course of short videos covering the basics

What is WhatsApp & How Does it Work? | WhatsApp Guide Part 1

https://youtu.be/6Hlr_IpSBEQ

How to Download and Install WhatsApp | WhatsApp Guide Part 2

<https://youtu.be/fZsJ6WH9C0c>

How to Create a WhatsApp Account | WhatsApp Guide Part 3

<https://youtu.be/k-vm46ldvhl>

How to Make Group Calls on WhatsApp | WhatsApp Guide Part 6 (note you can now have up to 16 people in a group call)

<https://youtu.be/qwixsEIQ7eY>

If you prefer written tutorials, they also have a website.

<https://techboomers.com/t/what-is-whatsapp>

Skype

Skype, like Zoom and What's App, works on both iPhone, iPads, Android Smartphones and tablets and on PC's and Mac's.

Go to Skypes Website to download Apps for all formats and set up an account

www.skype.com/en/get-skype

Skype allows you to have up to 50 people in a group chat at a time and is free to use over the internet.

Techboomers channel on YouTube have a series of videos on Skype

What is Skype

<https://youtu.be/tWC584yfv90>

How to download and install Skype.

https://youtu.be/lb31wbnoz_c

How to Use Skype

<https://youtu.be/S38e-t6rhKA>

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