

## Communicating with Friends and Family

There are many ways we can communicate with friends and family that we would not have considered before. While services like Zoom, Google Hangouts and Skype are really useful, there are other creative ways we can stay in touch too. Here are some ideas and resources that might work for you.



### Our Story 2

This app is very simple and easy to use. Stories can be made using photos from your device's camera. Text and audio can be recorded in the story too. The stories can easily be exported and sent by email or printed and sent by post. This could be a nice way to keep in touch with others.



### Book Creator

This app is similar to 'Our Story' but they also offer other resources that may be useful. There are options to share what you have created and it can be as simple or complicated as you like.



### Toontastic 3D – Creative Storytelling App

Toontastic 3D is an app that empowers children to draw, animate, narrate, and record their own cartoons. It is guided, giving you certain choices for number of scenes in your story and characters while also providing options to create your own.



### Sending letters

An Post is still fully operating and there are opportunities for families to share information by writing letters, sending drawings or photographs. In most areas the postman will take your letters for you so you don't have to go to a post box.



### Green Screen for iOS



### Chromavid for Android

Green Screen apps can be lots of fun to use for creating stories or 'movies' and are easily shared with family and friends through email. As with many other resources, you can do a lot or a little. All you need is a green or blue background (paper, a sheet or wall are perfect). There are lots of great tutorials on line to get you started.