

Using the filmit website

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Fact sheet

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Introduction

The website

The *filmit* website is a closed community site which allows you to:

- Share your films with the other *Open Futures* schools:
- · watch films from other schools;
- leave comments on each other's films, sharing ideas and opinions;
- create passwords for parents and friends of the school to see your films.

Logging In

To log in you will need one of your school's usernames and a password.

Depending on the access details you set there are three levels of access to the website.

Teacher Admin

- · You can see films and comments.
- You can edit & remove comments left by your school.
- You can choose which films and comments uploaded by your school are visible to the rest of the community.
- You can add comments to any film on the website.

Class Edit

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Class View

• You can see films and comments

The home page

Main features

Film of the week

Selected by the filmit team to showcase interesting films.

Your recent activity

It's easy to see who has commented on your films and replied to your comments.

Recent films and comments listing

See the latest films and discussion as they appear.

Channel listings

Films grouped loosely by subject.



Watching films

The films play using the Flash Player and with the most recent version, you can watch them full screen from any computer in your school.

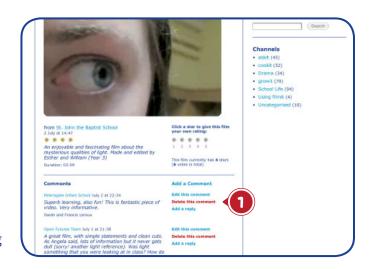
Comments & replies

It's easy to add comments to a film by clicking the Add Comments text. You can also leave replies to comments.

When logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can edit the text of any comments left by your school. Just click on the text you want to edit. You can remove comments and replies from your school by clicking the red text ①. You can give the films a rating by clicking on the stars under the film's description.

Creating passwords to access films

When logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can create a time limited password to allow access to a specific film. Print out the page or write down the details that appear after clicking 'Create Password' on the page ②. With these details visitors can see and comment on only that film.





Uploading a film

If you are logged in is as a **Teacher Admin** you can add films to the website by clicking on the upload a film link.

Video files from almost any camera and software can be uploaded to the site. The most commonly used formats are .wmv (for Windows), .mov (for Apple) and .avi. If you are using digiblue cameras make sure your videos are exported as .wmv files before you upload them.

Dimensions

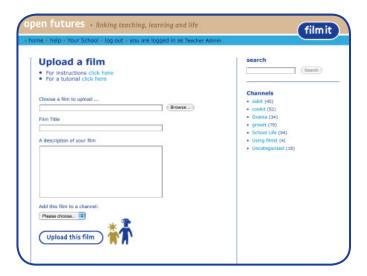
filmit can take any size of video but we'd suggest making sure that your files are between 320 and 720 pixels wide. Any smaller and the quality will be poor, any larger and it'll take a long time to upload.

File size

filmit can take files of up to 250mb. There is no limit on movie length but we'd suggest keeping films short and to the point.

Describing your film

Give your film a title and a description. These are used for searching so the more you say about what happens in your film the easier it will be for people to find. You don't need to write your school name in the title.



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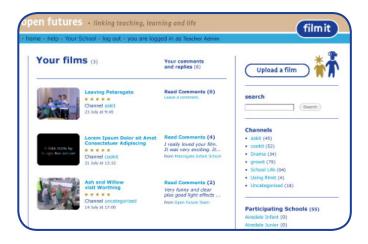
If you are logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can select the 'your school' link.

You can control which films are visible to the whole *filmit* community. When a film is visible it is displayed with a green label, if hidden, the label is red.

If you hide a film then all associated comments are hidden too, but not deleted. You can also choose which channel your film appears in.

This page lists all your comments and replies. Click on the text you want to edit or remove and you will be taken to the film your comment is attached to. On that page you can edit the text as described in the **watching films** section.

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Help

You can use this page to ask questions, report problems and get advice. The help messages are displayed for everyone to read, incase somebody else has had the same problem. Reponses from the *filmit* team will be posted here and also sent via email.

This page can also tell you if your web browser is capable of using the filmIt site. If you find you're still having problems then please contact help@openfuturesfilmit.info

