Online Safety Tips

YouTube Kids

Choose content settings by age

Mia (5) and Courtney
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Guide their adventures

The **YouTube Kids** app includes parental controls so you can customise your child's experience

YouTube helps keep your family safer online
Visit **youtube.com/kids**

Simplified representation of YouTube Kids product. Parent setup required.

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We would encourage all parents to be vigilant and monitor the content and materials your child is accessing or sharing online, or on social media. Please monitor your child's use of social media carefully. It is advisable that you have their passwords and account details so that you are able to view content they may be distributing.

We would urge you to check your child's contributions to chats on WhatsApp, Snapchat and Discord frequently. We would also advise you to check with your internet service provider to ensure that appropriate parental filters and monitoring is active.

If your child receives any inappropriate content whilst accessing the internet or social media, please report it directly to CEOP https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/. A link allowing reporting of inappropriate content can also be found on most websites or social media landing pages. Parents can also report issues to the police via 111.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Seatss Tech Team SEATSSTechTeam@redbridge.gov.uk for support with these issues, as we are always on hand to signpost students and families to appropriate services and follow up on any issues.

If you would like to find out more about online safety, please access the recommended links below:
- https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/
- https://www.childline.org.uk/
- https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6sXo1bys9gIVtGLmCh2U0QXkEAAYASAAEgIC8fD_BwE
- https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/
- https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

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FIFTEEN APPS
PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME

MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

GRINDR

GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

SKOUT

SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

WHATSAPP

WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

TIKTOK

TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

BADOO

BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

BUMBLE

BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

SNAPCHAT

SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

KIK

KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

LIVE.ME

LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

HOLLA

HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

WHISPER

WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

ASK.FM

ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

CALCULATOR%

CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

HOT OR NOT

HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.

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Cyber Bullying

Sadly, bullying isn't confined to the playground or classroom any more. Cyber bullying is when a child, or even an adult, is bullied via text message, email, social networks or other online means.

The best way to deal with a cyber bully on a social network is to simply block that person, or not accept the friend request of someone who bullies you in real life. Although it may be tempting to reply to rude or abusive comments, etc. it is usually better to just ignore the person. In some cases, bullies have created fake accounts on social networks, pretending to be their victim. If you discover someone has created an account pretending to be you, report it immediately to the network's administrators. There is usually a Report button on the user profile page.

Social Networks – Advice for Parents

Being parents ourselves, we understand the pressure that many people feel to let their children use the Internet and social networks in particular. Many social networking sites, including Facebook, don't allow children under 13 years of age to have accounts. Unfortunately there is little they can do to stop a child below that age entering false details. Rather than a blanket ban on using the Internet and social networks, and potentially have your child visit them behind your back, perhaps a better way to keep your child safe online is to understand the dangers yourself and make sure your children understand them as well.

Do Some Research

❭ Hopefully, if you are reading this, you already want to learn more about social networking and networks. This guide is a great place to start increasing your understanding of what you can do (and therefore what your child can do) on sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Google+. Read as much as you can about the networks your children use and remember that one of the best sources of information is often the children themselves.

Get Involved

❭ Take the next step and create an account for yourself on the social networks your child uses. This not only helps you to understand how things work and what features could be a potential problem but it also allows you to more easily see what your child is doing on there. You will be far better informed when asking questions about the site, than if you simply read about it.

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Privacy Settings

❯ Nearly all the well known social networking sites offer several levels of privacy settings. Ensure your child selects the strongest privacy setting available when they create their account. This will help to make sure that their personal information is only seen by people they want to share it with. Be aware, however, that some sites are totally open to the public.

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- Make sure that your child doesn't publish personal information like their location, email address, phone number or date of birth.

- Make sure they are very careful about what images and messages they post, even among trusted friends: once they are online they can be shared widely and are extremely difficult to get removed.

- Encourage your child to talk to you if they come across anything they find offensive or upsetting. Keep a record of anything abusive or offensive they've received and report any trouble to the site management: most sites have a simple reporting procedure, normally activated by clicking on a link on the page.

- If your child makes an online friend and wants to meet up with them in real life, you should go along with them to check the person is who they say they are.

- Tell them to be aware of online scams. Offers which seem too good to be true usually are. Make them aware also that clicking links they are unsure about can be unwise.

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Parental Controls for Microsoft Windows Devices

ALTERNATIVE PARENTAL CONTROLS

OpenDNS FamilyShield

FamilyShield is a free service from OpenDNS. Its parental control tools automatically block domains that have been flagged under headings such as "tasteless", "sexuality", or "pornography".

Kidlogger

This free parental control software not only tracks what your children type and which websites they visit, it also keeps a record of which programs they use and any screen grabs they take.

Spyrix Personal Monitor

Spyrix Personal Monitor is a powerful multifunctional program for complete and detailed remote monitoring of user activity. It can act as a keylogger, capture screenshots and much more.

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Restricting in App Purchasing

It can be frustrating as a parent to find an unexpected bill or package arrive that your child has ordered without you knowing. Unfortunately, it is relatively easy in today's digital world for your children to click on links in apps and rack up huge costs. Luckily, there are restrictions that can implement quickly to prevent this happening.

On an iPhone:

1. Go to Settings and tap Screen Time.
2. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions. If asked, enter your passcode.
3. Under Allow Changes, select the features or settings you want to allow changes to and choose Allow or Don't Allow.

Apple has also rolled out a feature called Ask to Buy, a feature that sends a request to the 'family organiser' or lead account when kids want to buy or download a new item. The family organiser can then use their own device to approve or decline the request. If the family organiser declines the request, no purchase or download will take place.

To use Ask to Buy:

1. Open the Settings app.
2. Tap your name.
3. Tap Family Sharing.

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4. Tap Ask to Buy.
5. Tap your family member's name.
6. Use the toggle to turn on or turn off Ask to Buy.

Speak to your child about making unauthorised purchases

Most of the time, children who rack up huge bills are completely unaware of the impact this might have on their family. We recommend sitting down with them and explaining that they must ask permission from you first before buying anything on your mobile devices.

If they are old enough, you could tell them how to spot when apps are trying to get them to make additional purchases, for example by leading them to the app store.