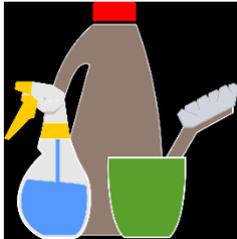


# Possible School Reopening

## A Parent and Carers Guide

After a long period of partial school closure, the Government have announced that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 may possibly return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. As a concerned parent or carer, you will probably have many questions about school reopening and what this means for your child. The health and well-being of pupils and staff is top priority for all schools, but it is not possible for any school to promise that your child will not catch Covid-19. Schools will, however, do all they can to minimise that risk. We hope you find this guide useful in answering some of your questions for you.

### Preparation



Work is happening in school to help prepare for reopening. This includes:

- Carrying out a full risk assessment
- Thoroughly cleaning the school site
- Preparing signage to help maintain social distancing around school sites

### Personal Hygiene



Looking after personal hygiene is essential to stop the virus spreading. Children and staff will be expected to:

- Wash their hands with soap and water, for 20 seconds, at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Catch sneezes with tissues or an elbow and put used tissues straight into the bin.

### Staffing



Staffing levels in schools may be significantly reduced in schools. This means that:

- Children may not be taught by their usual class teacher
- Children may be taught by a teaching assistant
- It may not be possible for schools to accommodate all Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, each day, if there is limited availability of staff
- Children may need to be taught at another school

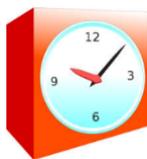
### Classrooms



Classrooms will look very different when schools reopen. Here is how:

- Children will sit individually at tables
- Tables will be spaced apart to stop germs spreading
- Class groups will be no bigger than 15 children and often there will be less, if classrooms are small
- If there are a lack of teaching spaces, pupils may need to attend on a part-time basis e.g. 2.5 days only

### The School Day



The school day will possibly be different to usual. Here is how:

- There may be staggered start and finish times to the day to avoid large gatherings of people
- School days may be shortened to enable more time for cleaners to prepare the site for the next day
- Groups will not mix at all during the day – this includes lunch and playtimes

### Learning

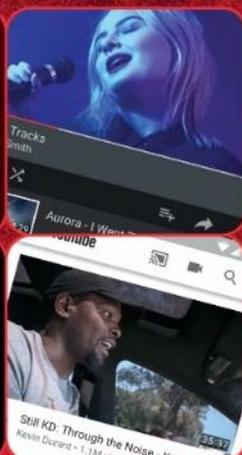


Lessons may be different when schools reopen. Here is how:

- Children will be expected to work much more independently and close interaction with others will not be possible during lessons
- A greater emphasis will be placed on pupils' health and well-being.
- A reduced Curriculum offer could be in place



YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.



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# What parents need to know about YouTube

## SPENDING A PREMIUM

YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.



## DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS

On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

## SHARING VIDEOS

As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

## IN-APP MESSAGING

When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS

As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.



# Top Tips for Parents

## TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE

'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content, you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

- Desktop:**
  - Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON'.
  - To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.
- Mobile:**
  - Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings'.
  - Click on 'Restricted mode filtering'.
  - Press 'Restrict'.

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

## CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT

By having a shared family Google account, checking the History will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History'. On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

## YOUTUBE KIDS - PARENT APPROVED CONTENT

On the YouTube Kids platform, parents can now handpick videos and channels for their children to view, giving parents and guardians full control over what their children view on the app. Simply enable the feature within the account settings and select 'approved content only'. It's important to note that this feature is only currently available on Android devices.

## BLOCKING ACCOUNTS

When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About'.
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user'.
- Tap 'Submit'.

## MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING

The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubers to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

## DIGITAL WELLBEING

YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

## OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN

A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

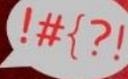
## MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES

If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

## YOUTUBE GAMING

YouTube has created its own destination for gamers, which highlights the top gaming videos from the user's subscriptions, including live streams. There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTubers are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

- Stampy
- Yogscast Lewis & Simon
- PewDiePie
- EthanGamer
- Markiplier
- PopularMMOs
- CaptainsSparklez
- Jacksepticeye
- LtCorbis
- Dan TDM



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