



# Online Safety News

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**Etwall Primary  
School**

# YouTube



YouTube allows people to watch, create and comment on videos. You can create your own YouTube account, create a music playlist, and even create your own channel, which means you will have a public profile. YouTube allows live streaming.

According to YouTube, the minimum age for using it is 13.

Although YouTube can be great for lots of reasons, including following your favourite YouTubers, listening to music and learning new things from videos, it can also be considered unsafe because people can write mean things in the comments of videos, you can see content that is inappropriate, there are a lot of adverts and some YouTubers can have negative attitudes.

Miss Marriott has recently been on an online safety course and the consultant said that many children who

come across inappropriate content do not do so purposely; they encounter it accidentally whilst look at something else. The consultant also said that many children do not tell anybody that they have seen something inappropriate in case they get told off or their device is taken away from them.

It is really important that home and school create an environment

where children feel that they can tell somebody if they have come across something that has upset them. This is something we strongly advocate in school, as outline in our Child-Friendly Online Safety Policy.

We also encourage children to use the classroom worry box/monster or click on the CEOP button (which is currently located on the login section of our school website) if they feel that they cannot talk to an adult.

If your child subscribes to a YouTuber, it might be worth knowing that when the YouTuber has uploaded a new video to their channel, an e-mail is sent to all of their subscribers to let them know that they have done this. Sometimes a YouTuber might upload something that is inappropriate and so it might be a good idea for you to talk to your children about the YouTubers that they are following, subscribe to them yourselves so that you know what your children are viewing.

In order to reduce the risk of children seeing inappropriate content, turn on Restricted Mode. YouTube offers a filter called Restricted Mode that limits the 'iffy' stuff. Go to your account settings page and toggle on Restricted Mode. If you search for information on how to set parental controls on YouTube, you will find lots of information.



Please also remember that there is an alternative to YouTube for our younger children. YouTube Kids is a video app developed by YouTube. It provides a version of the service oriented towards children, with curated selections of content, parental control features, and filtering of videos not deemed to be appropriate to the target audience.

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