

Curnow School Online Safety Bulletin

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You Tube– NEW information

Here is some great news from YouTube about their parental control settings! It sounds complicated but fear not as there are step by step videos showing exactly how to set them up.

Parental controls on youtube has historically been an all or nothing approach going from youtube kids to the 'restricted mode' setting an under/over 18 limit on all content.

Now there are several different settings including the new 'Supervised Experience' which predominantly bridges the gap between youtube for kids and the full account. This new feature enables settings to be limited to 13 years. Parents can select content and settings whilst the default of this account turns off features such as live chat, messaging, uploads and features that are trickier to regulate for our students.

This new 'supervised experience' feature is great if students are using a family/parent device as the user can easily switch between the accounts and the restrictions so that the parent device does not have to have full restrictions too.

For parents wanting a full limit on what students can see there is another feature within youtube kids that enables the user to only view preloaded content videos.

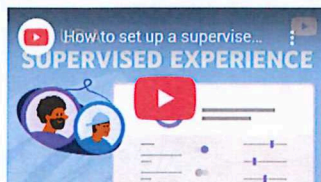
Below are the links for these parental control set up videos...

Supervised Experience [How to set up a supervised experience for your child on YouTube](#)
Supervised Experience on parents device [HOW TO: Set-up a supervised kid account for your child on a shared device](#)

Youtube kids- parent allowed list [YouTube Kids: How to approve what your kids can watch](#)
Youtube kids- sharing from main youtube [Share content from YouTube to your child's YouTube Kids experience](#) this allows parents to share video content from the main youtube account to a kidstube account that would not normally be available through kidstube- for example sharing a music video.

YouTube Supervised Experience

This video shows you how to set up a YouTube Supervised experience for your child.



YouTube Supervised Experience (on a parents device)

This video shows you how to set up a YouTube Supervised experience if you share your device with your child.



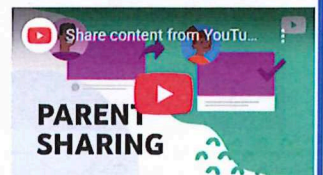
YouTube Kids Parent Allowlisting

This video shows you how limit the videos your child can watch on their YouTube Kids profile.



YouTube Kids Sharing from main YouTube app

This video shows you how to share a video from the main YouTube app to your child's YouTube Kids account.



Further advice...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.



BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.



DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

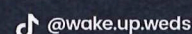
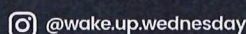
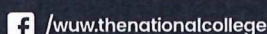
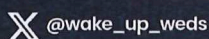


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