



**Etwall Primary
School**

Online Safety News

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YouTube and Parental Controls

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.

come across inappropriate content do not do so purposely; they encounter it accidentally whilst looking 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 outlined 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.



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.

**NSPCC/O2 Online
Safety
Helpline**

Miss Marriott would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that a collaboration has taken place between O2 and the NSPCC.

Sometimes it's easier to talk about a problem. That's why O2 have set up their helpline, to answer any questions you or your child might have about staying safe online.

Whether you're after tech advice on things like:

information about an app or service in general, privacy settings on apps, parental controls on your wifi or want help with more personal matters such as: how to stop online bullying, what to do about who your child's messaging, how to talk about sexting, O2 are here to help.

Whatever you're worried about, big or small, give them a call on 0808 800 5002 for free, Mon – Fri 9am – 7pm. If your child's worried about you talking to them, you can call them together, and they'll reassure you both.