



Children accessing age-inappropriate content on YouTube

Dear Parents/Carers

Recently, we have had an increase in children reporting that they are accessing age-inappropriate, unsuitable or frightening videos via the internet, on YouTube at home.

Children have been reporting to us that seeing such videos has caused them worry and left some children unable to sleep. It has also had the knock-on effect of worrying/frightening children who have not seen the videos when those who have, describe what they have watched to them. Some children are also representing these characters in their drawings and during playtimes at school.

On the YouTube terms of service it states, 'You may use the Service if you are at least 13 years old; however, children of all ages may use the Service and YouTube Kids (where available) if enabled by a parent or legal guardian.'

Please find below some links to help set-up parental controls when using YouTube as an app or browser.

YouTube restricted mode parental controls:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-restricted-mode/>



YouTube app parental controls:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

YouTube kids:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-kids-app/>

What if my child sees something online that frightens them?

Even with parental controls and restrictions in place, sometimes unsuitable content can slip through the net. Here are some links with some advice on what to do if your child does access unsuitable material:

NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>



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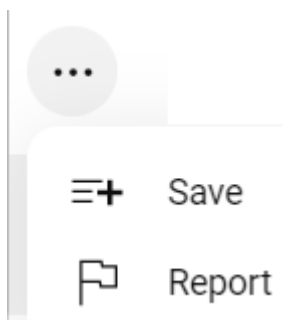
<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/what-to-do-when-your-child-encounters-unsuitable-content-online/>

Reporting harmful content

Launched in December 2019, this national reporting centre has been designed to assist everyone in reporting harmful content online.

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/?lang=en-gb>

Report on YouTube



The 'report' button can be found underneath YouTube videos by clicking on the three dots.

Our parent online safety page: <https://www.bishopsitchington.com/parents/online-safety>

Our children online safety page: <https://www.bishopsitchington.com/children/online-safety>

Thank you for working with us to keep our children safe.