

Online Safety Newsletter

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Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. This year, the campaign will focus on change online, which includes young people's perspective on new and emerging technology

- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

For more information, please visit the UK Safer Internet Centre website for help and advice for parents:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>.

Please visit the blog for our learning collection. <https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/>

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The internet can be a great place to have fun, play and chat with others, and learn new things. Have a look at these tips, which will help you stay safe and positive online:

Inspire change by talking about what you do online with people you know. If you find something that you love doing on the internet, let your friends and family know!

Make a difference by being kind online. Always think about how your actions and words can make others feel.

Manage influence by using different sources. When you are looking at things online, make sure you are looking at a range of sources, like different websites, videos, and apps.

Navigate change by talking to an adult. Talk about who children can and cannot trust on the internet.



YouTube has an age rating of 13+. Parents and carers are instead recommended to use either YouTube Kids or a supervised account that has been enabled by a parent or legal guardian. YouTube Kids is a smaller selection of videos based on your age. 1: Preschool (4 and under) 2: Younger (5-8) 3: Older (9-12). This is a parent-managed version of YouTube and ensures that videos are only able to be viewed if deemed age-appropriate. Google has created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a supervised account to help with your decision:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>.

YouTube states that users should also be 13 or older to post videos. If your child posts a video on YouTube, they should be aware of what to do online and what information to keep private. It is important that parents and carers talk to their children about the different settings available; these include Public (anyone can view the video); Private (video can only be viewed by users that you select); Unlisted (only people who have the link to the video can view it). YouTube has produced guidance for when users are posting content online. For more information, please visit:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>.

Parents and carers are encouraged to explore YouTube with their child to see what they like to watch and to make sure they are aware that they can talk to you if they see someone online that makes them feel uncomfortable. Also, ensure your child knows how to report inappropriate content or comments. Find out more here:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027>.