

Focus on - YouTube!

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13 (however children of all ages may use the service and YouTube Kids if enabled by a parent/legal guardian).

What if my child is under the age of 13?

If your child is under the age of 13 then your child should use either YouTube Kids or a Supervised Account. Which option you choose will depend on your child's age and your requirements.

-YouTube Kids – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age you select:

- Preschool (ages four and under)
- Younger (ages 5–8)
- Older (ages 9–12)



Explore YouTube together and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can talk to you if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online. - Restricted mode - is an additional setting (when logged in via a Google account) to restrict the availability of mature content.

Ensure your child knows how to report inappropriate content/comments. Find out more here:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027>.

Useful Information – Whatsapp

WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, voice notes, photos and videos.

What should I be aware of?

Group chats: One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Location sharing: you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

Blocking/Reporting: Show your child how to block and report other users or inappropriate content.

You can find out how to do it based on your child's device here:

https://faq.whatsapp.com/11424817_66359885/