

Does your child want to be a YouTuber?



Have you heard of Ryan Kaji? He is the face behind the YouTube channel

Ryan's World, which in 2021, earned a staggering £19m!

Lots of YouTube channels centre around children so is it any wonder that many children aspire to have their own channel? How can we support and keep them safe through?

Did you know?

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found there.

Posting Videos

-You should be over 13 years old to post videos on YouTube. Talk to your child about posting videos, so they understand what information they should be keeping private and what they do if they receive negative comments? YouTube have produced these tips:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

Select an appropriate setting for their videos

There are three different settings for videos published on YouTube:

- 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 and view it.

Other tips:

- Explore comment settings-comments can be held for review, specific words can be blocked and ensure your child knows how to remove/report comments if necessary.
- Visit your child's channel to see their videos.
- Ensure your child knows how to block/report users if necessary.

How can I make YouTube safer?

- Turn on Restricted mode** as this restricts the availability of mature content. You will need to set up a Google account to do this.
- 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.
- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content**.

Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set-up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.



PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here:

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your child is playing. Find out more here:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Go online together!

Breathe, think, do with Sesame (+4)

This app will help you teach your child skills such as problem solving, self-control and planning,

Duolingo-Language Lessons (4+)

Learning a new language or your child can practice what they're learning in school. This app is free although a paid subscription is available for further functionality and no ads.

NumBots- app/Website (£7.20 per year for up to 3 children)

Engaging platform for learning to add and subtract. NumBots recommends children starting using between the ages of 5-7 years old.

YouTube Kids (4+)

YouTube Kids was created to give children a more contained environment.

Remember not all videos have been manually reviewed so if you do find something then flag it for fast review.

As with all apps, check their suitability for your child before they use it. Think about if it is appropriately aged for child and how the app uses your data for example?

Online gaming at home

This is a useful video to watch from Andy Robertson (Editor of Ask About Games):

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/news/askaboutgames-on-the-road-parent-club-advice>

Talking about Online Safety

The NSPCC provide fantastic support and advice on how to start conversations with your child about online safety and where to get further help and guidance on how to be a good digital role model.

This side also includes online safety family resources such as a family quiz, which is a great way to start conversations with your child whilst making it fun!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety>