

The website

<https://www.youtube.com>

Reviews and further detail about YouTube – scroll down the screen and click on arrows

<https://www.common sense media.org/website-reviews/youtube>

Alternative to the full website

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/youtube-kids>

NSPCC Advice

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube/>

Parentzone advice

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/setting-filters-youtube>

YouTube advice for parents (Off the YouTube website)

Parent resources

We understand that parents and guardians sometimes have questions about children's behaviour online. We've put together some tools and resources to help you manage your family's experience on YouTube.

What age does my child need to be to use YouTube?

In order to create a YouTube account, you must confirm that you're at least 13 years old. If a video is flagged and we find that the uploader inaccurately stated their age during the account creation process, we will terminate their account.

Tips and advice

We ask all of our members to review our [Community Guidelines](#), as they outline what content and behaviour is acceptable on YouTube.

Online safety tips for families from [Google](#) and [Common Sense Media](#):

- Ask your teenagers to create playlists of their favourite videos, while you create your own. Then sit down to watch them together. You can see what your teens are watching, and they might learn a thing or two about you.
- Take your teens on a stroll through your own TV-watching childhood by compiling a playlist of clips from your favourite TV programmes.
- Make watching YouTube a game: Guess what kinds of videos are popular in a particular place and then use Advanced Search to see videos only in that location. It's a great way to have a conversation with your teens about cultural assumptions, tastes, similarities and differences.
- Be mindful of who your teen interacts with on YouTube.

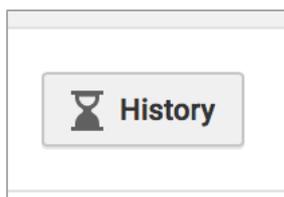
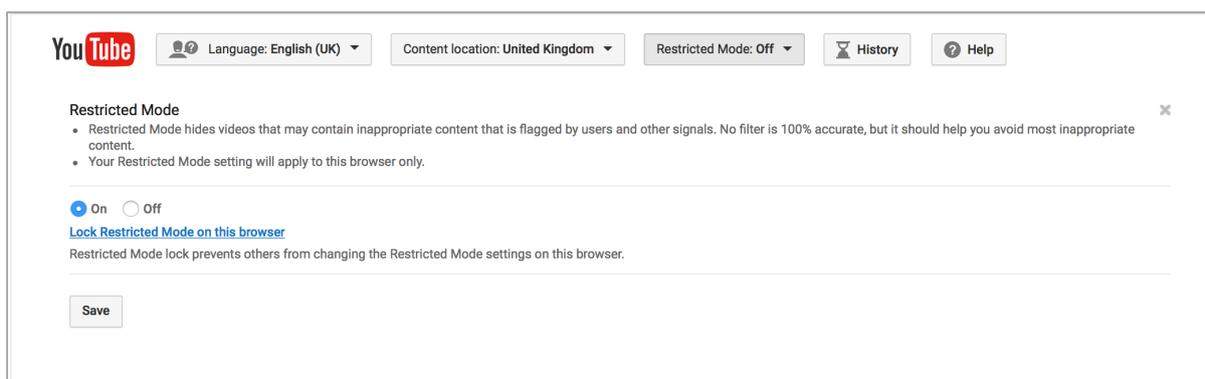
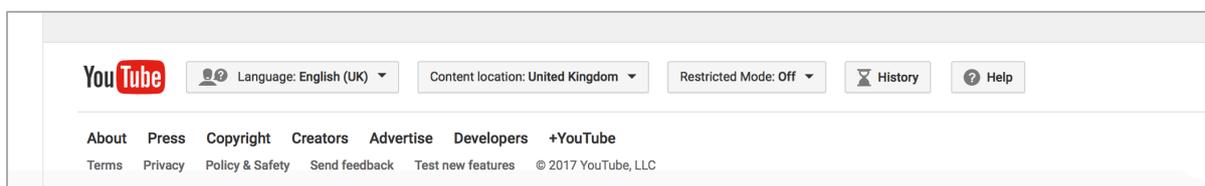
Tools

- **Inappropriate content:** If you see a video that you feel is inappropriate or that may violate our [Community Guidelines](#), [flag the video](#). This is the fastest way to bring potentially inappropriate content to our attention. YouTube policy specialists review flagged videos 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Privacy:** If you feel that your child's privacy has been violated (e.g. use of image or personal information without consent), please visit our [Privacy Guidelines](#), where you can learn more about our privacy policy and how to file a [privacy complaint](#). Visit the [Privacy section](#) of our Safety Centre to learn even more.

- **Harassment and cyberbullying:**
 - If your teen is being harassed by someone on YouTube, direct them to [block the user](#). This will help prevent further communication from the unwanted user.
 - If the harassment persists, please review the [harassment article](#) within our Safety Centre for harassment prevention information.
 - If you or your teen wish to report harassment in videos, channels/profiles or comments, you can do so via our [reporting tool](#).
- **Restricted Mode:** Enabling this setting allows you to specify that you do not want to see potentially objectionable content on YouTube. [Find out more about Restricted Mode](#).
- **Moderating channel comments:** There are tools available that allow your child to remove comments posted on their channel, or moderate them before they appear on the channel. To find out more, read our article on [moderating channel comments](#).
- **Visit your teens' channel:** Take a look at what your teen is posting on their channel. Check out their favourites and which YouTube channels they are subscribed to. Favourites and subscriptions can give you clues about what they are watching on the site.
- **Privacy and safety settings:** YouTube has a range of tools and settings to help users manage their experience on the site. To find out more about the resources that are available to your teen, please visit our [privacy and safety settings](#) page.

Restricted Mode

You will find restricted mode and a history of use of YouTube if you scroll to the bottom of the screen – see illustrations below.



Allows you to see what videos have been viewed

Inappropriate Content – advice for parents

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>

5 Tips to make YouTube Safer

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/5-tips-parents-make-youtube-safer-kids>

Articles related to YouTube

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/youtube-tips-and-tricks-to-keep-your-children-entertained-and-safe/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-37590004>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/nov/19/youtube-is-the-new-childrens-tv-heres-why-that-matters>

Internet Matters' YouTubing tips

- Have a shared family account for YouTube
- Turn the Safety Mode on
- Vet the content
- Subscribe to channels that you feel comfortable with then create a feed of safe videos
- Watch and enjoy YouTube shows together with your child
- Keep YouTube screens out of bedrooms and in family spaces

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/more-young-people-are-turning-to-youtube-for-true-and-accurate-information-ofcom-report-reveals>