



TikTok

What is TikTok?

Users can watch to) 60 second special effects.

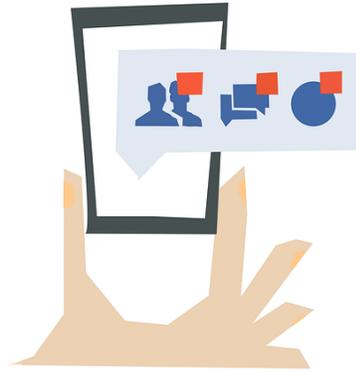
Is your child old

You must be over TikTok.

Why should I be concerned?

Some of the songs used in this app may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view.

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private. Internet matters explains how to here:



update

musical clips, record (up clips, edit them and add

enough?

13 years of age to use

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktok-privacy-and-safety-settings/>

Did you know?

Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio is still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. address, age and phone numbers).

Talk to your child

Why does your child use it? What do they like about it? Do they know their followers? What do they like watching on it? Have they ever seen anything that has worried them?

Family safety mode

This new tool has just been launched by TikTok which when enabled gives you control over your child's safety settings. More information available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51561050>

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app>
- http://support.tiktok.com/?ht_kb=for-parents

YouTube

Parent Question

What should I do if my child wants to

upload videos on YouTube?

The decision obviously lies with you as the parent and regardless of your decision, it is really

important that you maintain an open conversation.

If you choose not to let your child post videos on YouTube then explain why, if you agree, then set some ground rules such as comments must be switched off, the channel must be kept private and of course monitor what they are uploading.

This article by Common Sense Media looking at YouTube channels has some great tips (particularly around labelling the content 'for kids' which is a new feature on YouTube) and also explains the legalities if your child is under aged 13:



What is Roasting

This is a form of cyberbullying. This involves people asking to be insulted on social media, it can lead to very hurtful comments. You should talk to your child about this type of behavior and why they shouldn't participate in this type of behavior regardless if they see it as a game. Further information available here:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/roasting-a-guide-for-parents>

New Apps

This article lists the latest 5 apps you should know about and includes a top tip if your child is using them:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/five-apps>

Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age to play. PEGI do not take into consideration the chat features when rating games. Fortnite contains voice and text chat, which can contain inappropriate and explicit language. You can turn the voice chat off but not the text chat. As always, show your child how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour (more

<https://www.common sense media.org/learning-with-technology/is-it-ok-for-my-kid-to-start-her-own-youtube-channel>

This article is also really useful as it includes top tips for staying safe:
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube/>

Ofcom media use and attitudes

This report examines children’s media literacy providing evidence on current media use, attitudes and understanding among children. The report highlights that half of ten-year-olds now own their own smartphone – the importance of understanding what your child is doing online, going online with them and talking to them about what they do online continues to be of utmost importance.

Access the full report here:
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2019>

