



For Parents:

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Online Safety Essentials Service Newsletter

Does your child have their own YouTube Channel?

Do you know the minimum recommended age limit for creating a YouTube Channel is 13?

Do you know that data is collected and marketed by YouTube's parent company Google?

Consider the following questions and answers:

Q. Why do children want to create their own YouTube channel?

A. It is fun and entertaining

A. There is the potential for earning income

A. There is the potential for the video(s) to be viewed by thousands (or millions) world-wide!

The risks of creating a YouTube channel for under 13's include:

- There are no age checks
- A mobile phone number is requested
- Receiving/accessing advertising that is inappropriate
- Receiving/accessing inappropriate material
- Receiving requests from inappropriate contact(s)
- Posting inappropriate material
- Being Cyberbullied

NB. Whilst it is not illegal for children to create social media profiles or YouTube channels they will be breaking the terms and conditions of these sites if they are under the recommended age limit.

What you can do:

Have a conversation with your child

How? Visit Childnet's website for advice on how to start a conversation about your child's internet use:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

Check the recommended minimum age limit of Social Media Apps

How? Review the NSPCC and O2's simple no-nonsense guide for parents:

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



Help your child to set up their YouTube Channel safely!

How?

Review the advice on how to set up a child friendly YouTube Channel for children under the age of 13 from **YourSphere**:

<http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com/2014/04/how-to-set-up-a-child-friendly-youtube-channel/>

Read the **NSPCC and O2's** guide and their survey of parents of 8-12 year old to find out what they think about YouTube including:

- Signing Up
- Reporting
- Privacy Settings

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

View **CommonsenseMedia's** 5-ways to make YouTube safer for kids

<https://www.common sense media.org/videos/5-ways-to-make-youtube-safer-for-kids>

Is your child suffering from FOMO?

FOMO or the Fear of Missing out could be affecting your child.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39129229> (BBC News March 2017)

Read more on how to keep social media in perspective:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/39181551/heres-what-to-keep-reminding-yourself-about-social-media>

Are you new to the Internet?

The website **Getsafeonline** provides lots of information and advice for everyone, on how to protect yourself, your family, your bank account and your mobile devices. Watch their videos at:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/new-to-internet/>

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Snapchat Recommended Age 13

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

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