



Safeguarding Newsletter for Parents

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This newsletter provides useful ideas and ways to keep your children safe when they are online.

Children at Catherington learn that to be safe online that must:

- Never reveal personal information, either their own or others, such as home addresses, telephone numbers and personal e-mail addresses etc.
- Not to use photographs of themselves on their web pages unless the parent/guardians have given permission to do so.
- Not to chat to people online who they don't know in real life.
- Tell a trusted adult whenever they come across information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate, or make them feel uncomfortable.
- Be aware that the author of an e-mail or web page may not be the person they claim to be.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. The following advice and resources are there to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibility and positively.

This issue focuses on two popular platforms

LEGO Fortnite - PEGI 7

Lego Fortnite is free to play (in game purchases are available though). The game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning that the content is suitable for children over the age of 7. However, you should be aware that this game can be played with up to seven people (or solo). Lego Fortnite is only accessible on Fortnite, so you must download the main game. When setting up an account, if your child is under the age of 13, then they will be given a 'cabin account,' therefore certain features will be disabled (such as communicating with other players) unless you override them.

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)

Supervised accounts - this is a parent-managed version of YouTube. You can select one of the following options, again depending on your child's age and your requirements:

- Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

Posting videos

You should be over 13 to post videos. If your child does post videos on YouTube, ensure they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. Talk to them about the different settings available -

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

How can I make YouTube safer?

- 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.

