



Computing Newsletter

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Useful Links

[WhatsApp](#)

Useful guide to understand features of WhatsApp

[Net Aware](#)

Your guide to apps, games and social media sites.

[Internet Matters](#)

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

[Parent Zone](#)

Experts in digital family life.

[E-Safety Zone](#)

Advice, guidance and resources gathered by the '2 Johns'.

[Childnet](#)

Making the internet a great and safe place for children.

[ThinkUKnow](#)

Protects children both online and offline.

YouTube Supervised Experience

YouTube are updating and improving their parental controls for users on the website. Currently the main YouTube service is supposed to be for users 13+ and yet YouTube Kids is aimed at very young children.



This leaves out a pretty big age gap in the middle. The new 'Supervised Experience' that is coming to YouTube allows families to have a greater control over their child's YouTube experience but also allows the child to access content that is appropriate for their age. The 'Supervised Experience' is split into three sections:

- **Explore** - content that is generally suitable for children 9+.
- **Explore More** - content that is generally suitable for ages 13+.
- **Most of YouTube** - almost all videos on YouTube except for videos marked 18+. This might refer to the current 'Restricted Mode.'

Additionally, these settings can be applied by a parent using Google's Family Link Parental Controls - meaning you can manage from your own device. Read more in detail about the 'Supervised Experience' [here](#), also this is a great in-depth guide for parents [here](#) and YouTube have created a 'how to' [video](#).



TikTok Promotes Positivity With New Comment Features

TikTok is a very popular app to watch and post videos. TikTok allows lots of creativity and freedom to users and lots of people have fun exploring the platform. Most of the time, comments on videos are positive and users are able to see how viewers are responding to content. Unfortunately, these comments can also bring a lot of unkind and hurtful things.

This is why TikTok have brought out two new safety features to help users have more control over comments. Users can use a 'Filter All Comments' feature - this allows users to check all comments made on their videos before they are posted. All comments must be reviewed by the creator and they can choose not to publish comments. Also, if a negative phrase is typed into the comments, TikTok have created prompts asking the writer to consider editing their comment or not making one at all.

[More information available here.](#)

PS5 - Parental Controls and Security Settings

In November 2020, PlayStation released their newest console, the PlayStation 5. With the new console comes new parental controls and certain restrictions you can incorporate to keep young children safe when gaming.



As a parent or a guardian you are able to give yourself control over what is allowed on the new console. Setting yourself up as the lead account holder can allow you to create Child Accounts for the rest of the family, all managed by you, the Family Manager. With this feature in place the Family Manager is able to:

- set restrictions to screen time
- control purchases and spending limits
- disable voice chats and text messages
- restrict access to certain media and block certain contents

To learn more about setting up an account as the Family Manager [click here](#).

