



## Digital Safety Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome to our digital safety newsletter. Growing up has never been easy, but today the digital world presents a whole set of new risks. The aim of this newsletter is to support parents in providing a safe online environment for our children. We hope you will find the information useful.

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YouTube has become the viewing choice of many young people. YouTube Kids is a YouTube app launched by YouTube in 2015. The app pre-filters content so that only content suitable for children is available. Most of their favourite channels can be found there without the risk of encountering age-inappropriate content.

YouTube Kids app can be found on Google Play and the App Store.

### Apps we like

**Tynker** - Tynker is an app that teaches coding (computer programming) through the arranging of blocks. This app works best on iPads and tablets and is available free on Google Play and App Store. Suitable for Year 2 upwards.

**iPlayer Kids** - The iPlayer Kids app makes programmes from CBeebies and CBBC available for children. Programmes can be downloaded and so can be watched later when offline. Free on Google Play and App Store.

**Read with Fonics** - There are many phonics apps available, however, many are American. Read with Fonics was written by an English primary school teacher and is available free on Google Play and App Store.

### Searching the Internet

There are now over 1 billion websites with 7 billion videos on YouTube alone. 40,000



Google searches are conducted every second. To keep children safe at school, Google SafeSearch is used along with additional filtering provided through Lancashire who supply our internet.

To turn on Google SafeSearch, find the settings tab (which appears at the top of the results when you have made a search), choosing search settings and selecting 'Turn on SafeSearch'.

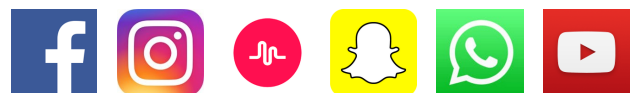
Other child-friendly search engines we like are

[www.kidrex.org](http://www.kidrex.org)

[www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

[www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)

### What is the minimum age for ...



FaceBook, Instagram, Music.ly, Snapchat, Whatsapp and YouTube accounts all specify a minimum age of 13. This minimum age is needed to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Act without which these social media services would not be permitted to operate in America.

For more information these and 33 other social networks, see NSPCC NetAware.

[www.net-aware.org.uk/](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/)