



## Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders lead two informative assemblies to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 this half term reminding everyone of the SMART rules when online.

This half term, Lizzie from ECP (Education Child Protection) visited each year group to remind them how to stay safe when online.

Year 4 and 5 had an interactive workshop from Papaya. Papaya empowers young people to make informed choices about smartphones, social media and screen use.

## Online Safety Newsletter Autumn 2

### YouTube



YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. *There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:*

1. **YouTube Kids** – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).
2. **Supervised accounts** – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

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

## Navigating the Online World

The online world can be challenging, and it's natural for young people to make mistakes. When they do, it's important for parents to be ready to offer calm, constructive support.

**Stay Calm** – If your child tells you about something they did wrong online, try to remain calm and listen without judgment. This helps them feel safe opening up.

**Be Honest** – You might not have all the answers right away—and that's okay. Let your child know that you're there to work things out together.

**Work Together** – Approach the issue as a team. Not only does this help resolve the immediate problem, but it also teaches your child valuable lessons about digital responsibility and online safety. Use the moment to review or set up parental controls if needed.

If you feel you need additional support, there are organisations that offer guidance. Parent Zone provides a helpful list of resources: <https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-things/>