

Hints, tips and online resources from Euan Graham following on from the Online Safety session at the Joint Parent Council and PSA AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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Thanks so much for having me along yesterday, it was great to see such a strong turnout and engagement from the group. As I mentioned, here's some links to things I mentioned in the session. I've also included some extra pointers for specific questions at the end.

- [NSPCC Online Safety hub \(and link to newsletter\)](#) – our main site for info for parents, carers and professionals, includes link to the newsletter.
- [NSPCC Helpline](#) - advice and support for adults looking after children or anyone concerned about the safety of a child
- [Common Sense Media](#) – advice by parents and children about all media, apps, games etc.
- [ChildLine](#) – support for children and young people, 24/7 phone, text and webchat services
- [Report Remove](#) – tool created by Childline & IWF to remove nude images of children from internet

There were some specific questions about filtering YouTube specifically. I've looked into this more this morning and have found some useful starting points – what works best will be different for every household but hopefully this will be of use.

1. A good first step would be contacting your Wi-Fi/phone plan provider to see what's already available to you. Depending on who you're with this could be on their website/your account page or perhaps a phone call with customer service would be preferable.
2. In terms of specific apps and tools for parental controls or filters, there are too many out there for me to make any suggestions. However, as I mentioned [this guide to parental controls](#) on Common Sense Media is quite helpful – there is a specific section on content filtering too.
3. Finally, YouTube has specific settings and controls available directly through their app/site. [Here's a handy overview](#) of what's available on different versions of the site. I was interested in the 'supervised account' as a handy middle ground between the stricter limits on YouTube Kids and children having full autonomy with their own account.

Thanks again,  
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