

# WHAT PARENTS OR GUARDIANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUTUBE

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REMINDING OTHERS WHY YOUTUBE IS DANGEROUS FOR OUR CHILDREN & OTHERS



## WHAT IS YOUTUBE?

Youtube is a social-media platform that permits millions, if not billions of others around the world to watch, share & stream their own content with others for purposes of education, entertainment, etc. Allowing others to stream content for others to enjoy due to their interests, brings along the dangers of online predation locally and globally, as many children begin to join communities revolving around their interests (St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, 2023).

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While YouTube has free content, and can be accessed by a multitude of devices from one account or without creating an account, much of the content that is "flagged" as "AGE RESTRICTED" can easily be viewed by those who are under the age of 18. Much of this content contains profanity, violence, and could be triggering to others. Causing many users to find upsetting (St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, 2023).

## STRANGER DANGER

This platform allows their users to interact with others (while remaining anonymous). While many account holders can leave comments on any video's they may view, this also allows them to message other user's directly. Connecting with other anonymous users online, may lead a child to being exposed to inappropriate language, bullying via internet, harassment, child predation, and exploitation if a child were to be in the cross hair's of a professional "groomer" (St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, 2023).

## "INFLUENCER"

"Influencers" also known as "Youtubers", who make their presence known at a high rate of speed by allowing their presence to be visibly seen to others exposes these "influencers" to a negative environment, while also allowing comments or messages from others who choose to remain anonymous to potentially harass, or bully them. These videos are often seen around the world, allowing virtually anyone to make contact with them at any time to engage or expose the "influencer" to a negative environment (St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, 2023).

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