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Updates:

- YouTube - TikTok Clone
- YouTube - more (new) parental controls?
- New resource for parents - online sexual bullying (9-12 year olds)

YouTube - TikTok Clone

There are lots of reasons why TikTok is so popular, but predominantly it's fun, easy, short and engaging and this is primarily what has pushed TikTok to be one of the biggest and most-used platforms with all ages. So if this works for one company you can be certain that others will copy, in this case YouTube.

YouTube Shorts is only available in the US and India at the moment but if it's successful it won't be long before we're seeing it here in the UK. Essentially it's exactly the same as TikTok but works within the YouTube app and interestingly, all YouTube Shorts recordings are stored (and viewable) on the main YouTube service, in other words the users' channel.

I think this is going to be an interesting development, particularly younger children whose parents don't allow them to use TikTok, but do allow them to use YouTube, so it's one to keep an eye on and I'll let you know if there are any further developments.

If you would like to read a little more there is an article on Art Technica [HERE](#).

YouTube - More (new) Parental Controls?

This was totally unexpected, we've all been wishing for more (and better) parental controls on YouTube for years. The main YouTube service is supposedly for users 13+ and yet YouTube Kids is for very young children, which leaves a pretty big age gap in the middle.

Called a 'supervised experience', YouTube state these new features are available for families with children under 13, which is a little confusing:

Explore - videos suitable for children 9+

Explore more - suitable for children 13+

Most of YouTube - almost everything on YouTube except videos marked as 18+ (this is the current Restricted Mode on YouTube).

You can read a little more about the supervised experience [HERE](#) and there's a good, in-depth guide to send out to parents [HERE](#)

New Resource for Parents - Online Sexual Bullying: advice for parents (9-12 year olds)

Childnet have released a new resource for parents of children aged 9-12 to take about the issue of online sexual bullying. A very difficult area to discuss so this should help parents and equally I think this could be used in school as well. The video is quite hard-hitting so great care will be needed, but as Childnet says, "it's the think that is happening online but nobody is talking about."

There is a video and a downloadable leaflet [HERE](#).

Should you feel you need any more advice this is a useful resource:

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/how-to-stay-safe-online-guidance-for-adults-and-young-people-with-learning-disabilities/>

Really though if you need to talk through any concerns contact the school directly