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Controls & Settings guide

The YouTube Kids app offers controls to restrict search and content, set time limits and manage watch history to help promote internet safety. You can also set a passcode to ensure only you can change settings in the app.

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In the app, you can set a timer to help children learn how to regulate and take breaks from screen time.

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How to set up YouTube Kids

You will need your own Google account. It's a good idea to have a Google account for your child. You can also use Google Family Link to manage YouTube Kids.

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1 How to set up access to YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids offer children under 13 a safer online experience. It protects them from content inappropriate for their development.

To set up access to YouTube Kids:

Step 1 – Download and launch the app onto your device. Click **I'M A PARENT**.

Step 2 – Follow the **prompts** to set up your child's account. These include **verifying your age**, signing in with your **Google account** and selecting or creating your **child's profile**.



Get a parent to unlock the app

I'M A CHILD

I'M A PARENT



② Create a new profile

When you set up the YouTube Kids app, you'll be brought to the profile page. You can set individual permissions for each account.

To create a new profile:

Step 1 – From the profile screen, select the **+ symbol** to create a new profile.

Step 2 – Sign into your Google Account by entering your **password**.

Step 3 – Fill in the relevant **information** and customise their **avatar**. You may want them to choose their own avatar to help them better recognise their account. Select the **> button**.

Step 4 – Select the recommended **content settings** for your child's age. This will make sure they see content appropriate for their age. Tap the **> button** to complete the profile.

③ How to set up a passcode

Once you've created a YouTube Kids profile, you can set additional limits in their account. You should do this before they use the profile.

To set up limits:

Step 1 – From the profile screen, select the **profile** you want to update. On the home page, select the **lock** in the lower right corner.

Step 2 – Answer the **maths question** to gain access, then tap **SUBMIT**. Enter a **4 digit passcode** that you will use whenever you want to update settings.

④ How to manage screen time

Setting a timer on YouTube Kids will help you and your child manage how much time they spend watching content.

To set up a timer:

Step 1 – From the profile screen, select the **profile** you want to update. On the home page, select the **lock** in the lower right corner.



Step 2 – Enter your **passcode** then select the **Timer** icon.

Step 3 – Set a **time in minutes** and then click **Start timer**. Exit the settings and give the device to your child to start watching.

5 Other account settings

On the YouTube Kids app, you can also turn off search, update age settings, clear history to remove similar suggestions and more.

To use other parent settings:

Step 1 – From any profile’s home screen, select the **lock** in the bottom right corner.

Step 2 – Tap **Settings**. Here, you can access the parent’s account, general app settings and each child’s profile.

Step 3 – To update settings for a child, select the relevant profile. Enter your password to edit their settings.



Step 4 – Choose the relevant **setting** you wish to edit and follow any **prompts**.
Tap the **back arrow** in the top left corner to return to previous screens.

Note: these settings can also be accessed through your Google Family Link account. Simply select your child then Controls > Content restrictions > YouTube and go to YouTube Kids settings.



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