



YouTube and Interactive Media Policy

YouTube and related Interactive Media are a fantastic resource when used correctly. At Meadowdale, it can be used effectively to aid teaching in most subject areas, notably IT and Geography. There is also a wide array of educational videos which would be beneficial to all students such as song and dance which could be used across the curriculum.

Despite this, precautions must be taken when it is used in class in order to prevent the causation of a safeguarding issue and to prevent students from seeing inappropriate materials which are not age appropriate or which contain bad language. In which case care must be taken in two key areas;

- Finding appropriate videos.
- Watching appropriate videos.

Finding appropriate videos

- Searches or first use of videos should be carried out strictly with no children in the classroom.
- Any video that is chosen should be watched first in full by a member of teaching staff or a TA to prevent any exposure to bad language or inappropriate materials.
- It is the class teacher's responsibility to final approval of the video.

Watching appropriate videos

- Care should be taken in presenting a chosen video resource to students. It is recommended that at first, the screen should be frozen with the screen on 'extend' mode, and then the video opened in full screen on the extended side, then unfrozen. This prevents any student from seeing unrelated or inappropriate videos outside of the scope.
- It is then recommended that all YouTube videos should be paused before the end to prevent any inappropriate recommended videos appearing in the recommended list.
- When the video is finished it is then recommended that the same process as the first should be repeated to close the video down, the screen should be frozen, the video then removed, and then unfrozen at the finish.

It is entirely the class teacher's responsibility if these procedures aren't followed and anything inappropriate is shown. Meadowdale Academy accepts no responsibility for this as adequate guidelines have been given.