



Dear parents,

In the last few days in school, it has been brought to my attention that a big number of students in our primary classes are displaying negative character traits; for example, using bad language, inappropriate words, kicking each other, talking about 'killing', suicidal thoughts and the list goes on. I wish I could say that these are isolated incidents but unfortunately, I cannot, as the teachers have reported this in all classes across the board. What is worrying it that our primary students also seem to be afflicted!

My search on the net has led me into a horrifying world where people create cartoons glorifying dangerous topics and scenarios such as self-harm, suicide, sexual abuse and gun violence which includes a simulated school shooting. Some of these videos are teaching children how to play and improve their skills playing the computer games. All of these videos are found on YouTube , a platform that we look at for entertainment. Fiction for young adults also seem to be contributing to this negativity with the glorification of blood and gore.

Example 1.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1cGaNDXNc4>

GTA 5 FAILS & WINS #79 // (BEST GTA V Funny Moments Compilation)

Example 2.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nb9UDHXGS8>

10 Lessons Paw Patrol Shouldn't Be Teaching Kids

Example 3.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nAIJx6dAYE>

Momo's challenge: Dangerous

I have recently posted an article on our fb page regarding this matter and I am sure you will do your own research to verify the facts above.

Parents should be cautious as the content isn't edited in these videos and our young children are at a serious risk of being influenced by unfiltered language and inappropriate imagery.

This seems to be a global trend. We are living in an age that is ruled by internet, smart phones and everything is app based. Serious changes need to be made with proper filtering so that young children are not impacted by the negativity. *But until some massive industry or regulatory reconsideration takes effect — and it may never, given the business interests at play — parents are still the only regulators attempting to set rules for their children.*

Content on Manga high and Teamie is being whetted by the teachers and is safe for our students. I do hope you will discuss and advise your children on appropriate and inappropriate content to watch. You may also set safety filters with restrictions and monitor their screen time.

Have a good day.

Best Regards,

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