

# “Where’s YouTube?”

## Why Your Child’s AAC Device Should Stay Dedicated to Communication



### What Is a Dedicated AAC Device?

While it may look like a standard tablet, a dedicated AAC device has key differences that make it uniquely suited for communication:

- ✓ Military-grade protective case to withstand drops, spills, and everyday use
- ✓ Restricted access to system apps and the App Store to maintain focus on the communication app
- ✓ Remote management to ensure the AAC app stays updated and functional
- ✓ Locked settings to prevent accidental deletion or changes that could impact communication

### Why It Should Be Used for Communication Only



**Exiting the AAC app =  
Losing access to  
their voice.**



**Kids need to learn the  
device’s purpose: this is  
their voice, not a toy or  
entertainment tablet.**



**Modeling happens  
best when the device  
is always available for  
communication.**

### How to Help Your Child Understand the Difference

- Label the device with an AbleNet QuickWrap!
- Use a different-colored case on personal/home tablets.
- Talk openly about the device being “for communication.”

We know it isn’t always easy to juggle multiple devices, but your consistency makes a meaningful difference. Treating the AAC device as your child’s voice helps them develop the communication habits that lead to confidence, independence, and long-term success.

