



# Online Safety for Schools



## Parental Controls, Filters and Safety Settings for Devices, Games, and Social Media

### Devices

#### Nintendo Switch

- Set up a Nintendo Parental Controls app (iOS/Android) to manage play time and content.
- Restrict communication with others (voice chat, messages).
- Limit access to age-inappropriate games using ESRB ratings.
- Control purchases to prevent unapproved spending.
- Monitor screen time and set daily play limits.

#### PlayStation (PS4/PS5)

- Use Family Manager to create child accounts.
- Restrict games, Blu-ray, and DVDs by age rating.
- Limit monthly spending for online purchases.
- Disable or restrict voice/chat communications with strangers.
- Control access to VR content and browser use.
- Monitor playtime reports and set limits.

#### Xbox (Series X/S, One)

- Use Microsoft Family Safety app to manage accounts.
- Apply screen time limits and content restrictions by age.
- Block or allow specific friends and manage communication.
- Enable filters for web browsing through Microsoft Edge.
- Review activity reports weekly for gaming and online use.

#### iPhone (iOS)

- Use Screen Time to set daily limits for apps and games.
- Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions to block explicit content.
- Restrict in-app purchases and app downloads by age rating.
- Limit communication to trusted contacts only.
- Enable Downtime for device-free periods (e.g., bedtime).
- Use Family Sharing for purchase approvals.

#### Android Smartphones

- Use Google Family Link to set digital ground rules.
- Limit app installations and in-app purchases.
- Set screen time limits and bedtime schedules.
- Filter Google Search and Chrome browsing with SafeSearch.
- Restrict YouTube to YouTube Kids or supervised accounts.
- Review weekly activity reports.



## Games

### Roblox

- Use Account Restrictions to lock settings to child-appropriate levels.
- Enable Parental PIN to stop changes.
- Limit chat to friends or disable entirely.
- Monitor friends list and activity history.
- Block and report inappropriate users.
- Use Spend Notifications to manage Robux purchases.

### Fortnite

- Restrict voice chat to “Friends Only” or turn off.
- Filter mature language via in-game settings.
- Set playtime limits through device parental controls.
- Use Epic Games Store parental controls to restrict purchases.
- Enable “Cubed Accounts” for younger players.

### Minecraft

- Use Xbox/PlayStation parental settings for online play.
- Disable or limit multiplayer mode for younger children.
- Monitor or restrict access to Realms (private servers).
- Block chat with strangers.
- Set screen time and game session limits.

## Social Media Platforms Gaming Communities

### Snapchat

- Enable Privacy Settings so only friends can contact your child.
- Turn off Quick Add to stop strangers adding them.
- Disable Snap Map or set to “Ghost Mode.”
- Use Family Center to monitor who your child interacts with.
- Encourage reporting/blocking inappropriate content.

### TikTok

- Use Family Pairing to link parent and child accounts.
- Restrict screen time with daily limits.
- Set account to Private (friends must be approved).
- Limit direct messaging (or disable completely for under 16s).
- Filter content with Restricted Mode.

### Instagram

- Make accounts Private.
- Restrict who can message or tag your child.
- Use Supervision tools to manage time and monitor activity.
- Filter offensive comments and words automatically.
- Review followers regularly.



### Discord

- Turn on Safe Direct Messaging to block explicit content.
- Restrict who can send friend requests.
- Disable joining random servers.
- Limit voice/video chat to friends only.
- Encourage reporting/blocking harmful users.
- Use Family Monitoring to review activity.

### Twitch

- Enable Chat Filters to block inappropriate words.
- Restrict who can whisper (private message).
- Block mature streams using Content Restrictions.
- Monitor subscriptions and in-app purchases.
- Supervise or restrict broadcasting features.

### Steam

- Activate Steam Family View to restrict access to games and features.
- Block access to the Steam Store or restrict by rating.
- Disable or limit community features (chat, forums, workshop).
- Require a PIN code for purchases.
- Review game library and playtime.

**Tip for Parents:** Always combine filters and parental controls with open communication.

Talk regularly about safe online behaviour, respectful communication, and what to do if children see something upsetting.

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