

Grange Community Junior School

E–Safety Newsletter



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Parental controls

With Christmas just around the corner, we thought we'd provide some helpful tips about setting up appropriate parental controls for any new phones, consoles or games your child may receive.

Games/consoles

Firstly, just a little reminder to check the PEGI rating of any new games to check that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for video games and considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and the chat facilities within games. Visit PEGI here: <https://pegi.info/>

For any new consoles, it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with.

Follow the links below to find out about Parental Controls for each device:

Nintendo: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/NintendoSwitch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls1183145.html>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/foreveryone/responsible->



Is your child getting their first phone for Christmas?

EE have launched PhoneSmart Licence, which is a course to help prepare children for their new phone by teaching them how to stay safe and be kind online. PhoneSmart is free and available to everyone, not just EE customers.



Your child will have to complete 5 sections and as they complete each episode, they will be rewarded with a sticker. Once they have collected all 5, they will be given their PhoneSmart Licence. Follow the link below to access: <https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>



Whether you are buying a new phone, or your child already has a phone, a good app to install is Ollee.

Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11 – created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's **A Million & Me initiative**. It helps them explore feelings around school, family, friends and the world – and share advice with a parent or trusted adult.

Children can tell Ollee how they're feeling and it will give them ideas about what to do. If they're not sure, Ollee will help them figure it out. Together, parents and children can share Ollee's advice and talk about feelings together through connected accounts.

Tablets/Smart phones

As well as setting up parental controls on the device itself, remember to check any apps your child would like on their device, is it suitable for their age and review all settings and privacy options for each one.

For the devices, use the available settings to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings.

Follow the links below to find out more:

IPhones/iPads: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Google Play: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

For further information, tips and advice on setting up parental controls visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/onlinesafety/parental-controls/>

