

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/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

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

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/community/for-everyone/responsible-gaming>

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? Review all settings and privacy options for each app. For the devices themselves 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>

Swiggle.org.uk

Swiggle is a search engine designed to provide a safer environment for kids taking their first steps on the road to safe online searching.

Powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google SafeSearch and educational resources prioritised. We also filter the search terms to check that Swiggle is not being used to search for inappropriate content.



Online spaces, games and media form a large part of life for young people growing up today. It offers a platform to connect with others, connect with others and to learn. If you understand the situations they encounter you'll be better placed to offer them advice on how to deal with them.



Download the SWGfL guidance <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

