



Parent Control

THE HAMPDEN WAY



Internet Safety day occurs every year in February. We have been spent a week on this at John Hampden as we recognise the importance in protecting our children whilst using the internet as well as preparing them to be responsible users themselves. We would like to encourage you to get on board with us and so have produced a little reminder of how to set up appropriate parental controls.

Games/consoles:

First, check the PEGI rating of any new games to ensure that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for 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 the chat facilities within games. If a game does allow your child to communicate with others then you can adjust the settings so they are appropriate to your child - or disable it completely. Secondly, for any consoles (new and old), it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and again

Xbox:

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

PS5:

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

Nintendo Switch:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls/NintendoSwitch-ParentalControls-1183145.html>

managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for each device:

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:

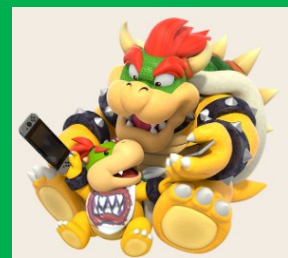
iPhones/iPads: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

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

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Early Years

Is your child online? It's important that devices are set up with age appropriate parental controls and access is restricted to appropriate apps/content. We would advise that children only access devices when you are with them. Sometimes, regardless of what controls we have in place, children may accidentally view inappropriate content so it's important we are around to help them if they do. The Australian eSafety Commissioner has published a short booklet including advice and guidance on how to navigate the online world with your child. This is aimed at parents/carers with children under the age of 5: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/children-under-5/online-safety-for-under-5s-booklet>



Social Media:

Is your child ready for social media? Childnet have produced this article answering your questions around social media, such as when should I allow my child to join social media? The article also outlines some alternative sites that have been created for younger children. You can read the article here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-getting-started-on-social-media/>

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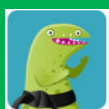
Apps we would recommend

EYFS- Puppet Pals



Puppet Pals app is an enjoyable cartoon creation app that is free for download on iOS devices. This animation app for kids helps develop creative skills and is suitable for children 5+.

KS1- Momodo



Komodo is a fun and effective way to boost primary maths skills. This Key Stage 1 maths app is designed for 5 to 11 year olds to use in the home. The Komodo app uses a little and often approach to learning maths (15 minutes, three to five times per week) that fits into the busy routine.

KS2- Prodigy



<https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/>

Prodigy Maths is an excellent online game which engages children and helps support their Maths learning.

Prodigy delivers a unique learning experience through an interactive math game where success depends on correctly answering skill-building math questions. Players can earn rewards, go on quests and play with friends — all while learning new skills!

Parents will need to set up an account for this App.

Does your child want to be a YouTuber?

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found on there.

Have you heard of Ryan Kaji? He is the face behind the YouTube channel Ryan's World, which in 2021, earned a staggering £19m!! Lots of YouTube channels centre around children so is it any wonder that many children aspire to have their own channel? How can we support and keep them safe though?

Posting videos

You should be over 13 years of age to post videos on YouTube. Talk to your child about posting videos, do they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments?

Select an appropriate setting for their videos

There are three different settings for videos published on YouTube:

- Public: anyone can view the video
- Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select
- Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.



Other tips:

- Explore comment settings – comments can be held for review, specific words can be blocked and should be for children under the age of 12
- Visit your child's channel to see what videos they are posting
- Ensure your child knows how to block and report users if necessary.

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Turn on Restricted mode** as this restricts the availability of mature content. You will need to set up a Google account to do this.
- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.
- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content and help them avoid it.**

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