



Safeguarding Snapshot

Safe Use of Devices- I pads, tablets, gaming and mobile phones

- Enable access to devices with limited features - Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- Keep tech use visible in the home - Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.
- Follow age ratings - Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow.
- Use safety settings - Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.
- Revisit parental controls - as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your parental controls. Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.
- Have regular safety conversations - at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly.
- Build healthy habits - acknowledge the positives it brings as part of your safety conversations and agree rules and boundaries together as a family.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

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