Family/Parental Controls

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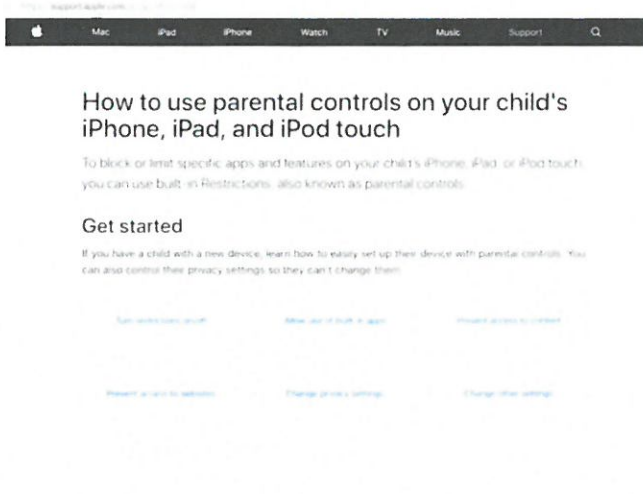
How to use parental controls on your child's iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch

To block or limit specific apps and features on your child's iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch you can use built-in Restrictions, also known as parental controls.

Get started

If you have a child with a new device, learn how to easily set up their device with parental controls. You can also control their privacy settings so they can't change them.

Restrictions
Make you have enabled restrictions on the device.

Turn Parental Controls on or off

1. Go to Settings > General > Restrictions
2. Tap Enable Restrictions
3. Create a Restrictions passcode. You need your Restrictions passcode to change the settings or to turn off Restrictions.

If you forget your Restrictions passcode, you'll need to erase your child's device, then set it up as a new device to remove the Restrictions passcode. Restoring your child's device using a backup won't remove the Restrictions passcode.

Allow the use of built-in Apple apps and features

If an app or feature is turned off under Restrictions, your child won't be able to use that app or feature. The app or feature isn't deleted, it's just temporarily hidden from the Home screen. For example, if you don't want your child to take photos or videos, you can turn off the camera to disable the functionality. All other apps that use Camera won't have access when you turn it off.

You can also prevent your child from being able to install or delete third-party apps or make in-app purchases. Here are the other built-in Apple features that you can restrict:

- Safari
- Camera
- Siri & Dictation
- FaceTime
- AirDrop
- CarPlay

FaceTime isn't available in all countries or regions.
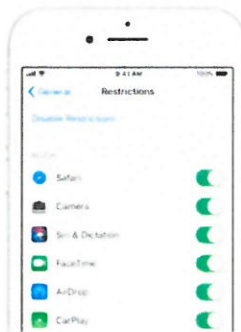
Built-in Apps
Control which app/feature you want you child to be able to access, install, delete or make in-app purchases.

You can also prevent your child from being able to install or delete apps, make in-app purchases, and more. This setting lets you prevent your child from using the built-in apps on the device. Here are the built-in Apple features that you can restrict:

- iTunes Store
- Music Profiles & Posts
- iBooks Store
- Podcasts
- News
- Installing Apps
- Deleting Apps
- In-App Purchases
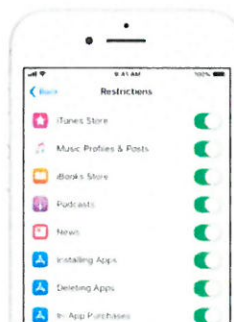
Prevent access to explicit content and content ratings

You can also set restrictions that prevent the playback of music with explicit content and movies or TV shows with specific ratings. Apps also have ratings that can be configured using parental controls. Here are the types of content that you can restrict:

- **Ratings For:** Select the country or region in the ratings section to automatically apply the appropriate content ratings for that region
- **Music, Podcasts & News:** Prevent the playback of music, music videos, podcasts, and news containing explicit content
- **Movies:** Prevent movies with specific ratings
- **TV shows:** Prevent TV shows with specific ratings
- **Books:** Prevent content with specific ratings
- **Apps:** Prevent apps with specific ratings
- **Siri:** Prevent Siri from searching content from Google and Wikipedia
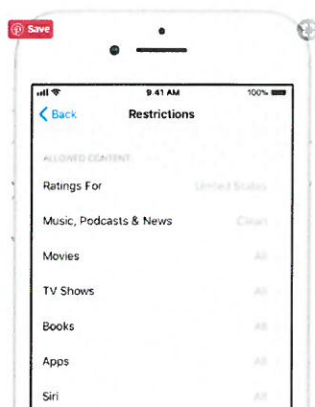
Explicit Content
Make you have enabled restrictions on the device.

Prevent Access
Filter website content to make it suitable for children.
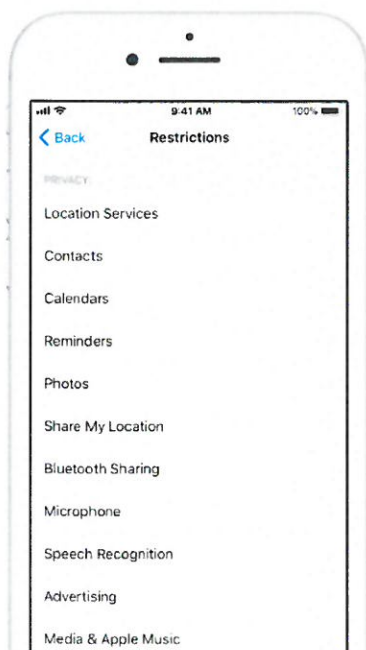
Prevent access to websites

iOS can automatically filter website content to limit access to adult content in the Safari web browser and apps on your child's device. You can also add specific websites to an approved or blocked list, or you can limit access to only approved websites. Go to Settings > General > Restrictions > Websites and select one of these options:

- All Websites
- Limit Adult Content
- Specific Websites Only

Allow changes to privacy settings

The privacy settings on your child's device give you control over which apps have access to information stored on the device or the hardware features. For example, you can allow a social-networking app to request access to use the camera, which allows your child to take and upload pictures. You can also prevent your child from being able to stop sharing their location in Find My Friends. Here are the things you can restrict:

- **Location Services:** Lock the settings to allow apps and websites to use location
- **Contacts:** Prevent apps from accessing your Contacts
- **Calendar:** Prevent apps from accessing your Calendar
- **Reminders:** Prevent apps from accessing your Reminders
- **Photos:** Prevent apps from requesting access to your photos
- **Share My Location:** Lock the settings for location sharing in Messages and Find My Friends
- **Bluetooth sharing:** Prevent devices and apps from sharing data through Bluetooth
- **Microphone:** Prevent apps from requesting access to your microphone
- **Speech Recognition:** Prevent apps from accessing Speech Recognition or Dictation
- **Advertising:** Prevent changes to advertising settings
- **Media & Apple Music:** Prevent apps from accessing your photos, videos, or music library

Allow changes to Privacy Settings
Here you can restrict settings such as location services (this can show where you child is when posting on social media), Share my location (with friends – including friends who might be strangers)

Allow changes to other settings and features

You can prevent your child from changing other settings and features the same way you can prevent your child from changing the privacy settings on their device. Here are the things you can restrict:

- **Accounts:** Prevent changes to settings for Accounts & Passwords
- **Cellular Data:** Prevent changes to cellular data settings
- **Background App Refresh:** Prevent changes to whether or not apps run in the background
- **Volume Limit:** Prevent changes to volume settings for safe listening
- **TV Provider:** Prevent changes to TV provider settings
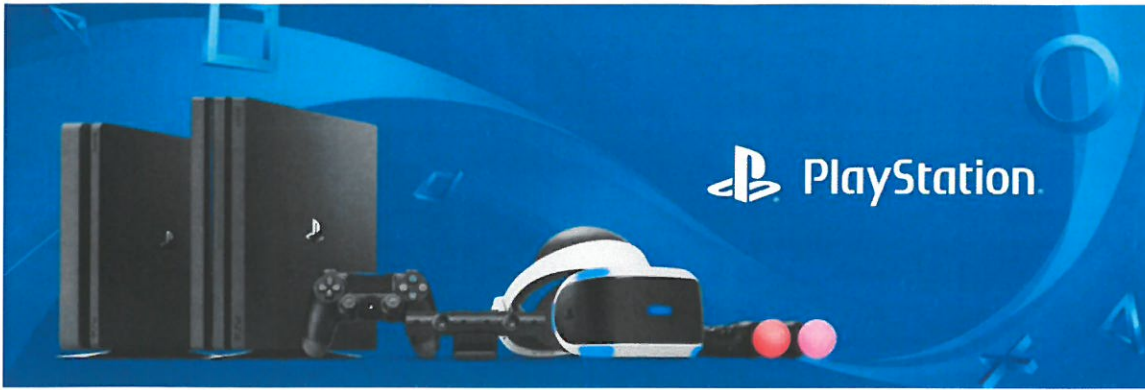- **Do Not Disturb While Driving:** Prevent changes to Do Not Disturb While Driving

Game Center:

- **Multiplayer Games:** Prevent games from using multiplayer features
- **Adding Friends:** Prevent being able to add friends to Game Center
- **Screen Recording:** Prevent being able to do a screen capture

PS4: Family Management and Parental Controls

Under Parental Control/Family Management options, you can set controls in two areas: at the **system level** and at the **user level**.

Settings Applied to all PS4™ System Users

Set a System Restriction Passcode

Add an extra layer of security for your PS4™ System by setting a System Restriction Passcode. This prevents other users from logging into your account to make changes to parental controls or view unauthorized content.

To set a System Restriction Passcode, follow these steps:

Step 1: Go to Settings > Parental Controls/Family Management
Step 2: Select PS4™ System Restrictions. You will be prompted to enter the default passcode before changing to a new one.

Prevent New User Creation and Guest Login

You can allow or disallow people to login as a guest or register as a new user on the PS4 system.

Add a Web Filtering Service

This fee-based service, applies web filtering to internet browsing to block harmful websites from being accessed.

Family Management

Set Parental Controls for Individual Child Family Accounts
Step 1: Go to Settings > Parental Controls/Family Management
Step 2: Select the child user you want to apply Parental Controls to.

Default Parental Control Options Include

Restrict Age Level for Games

All PlayStation®4 games are rated by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) to help parents understand the content in a game. You can use these ratings in conjunction with the PS4™'s parental controls to restrict access to minors. The lower the level, the tighter the control.

Restrict Blu-ray discs and DVD movies

You can set the age restriction for playing both Blu-ray and DVD discs individually. The lower the level (1-10), the tighter the control.

Restrict Use of PlayStation® VR

You can allow or disallow options for use of PlayStation® VR. PlayStation® VR is not for use by children under 12 years.

Restrict Use of Internet Browser

You can completely disable the PS4™ 's Internet Browser from launching.

Restrict Communication with Other Players

You can disable child users from communicating via chat, messages, or displaying and entering comments for friend requests and game invitations.

Restrict Viewing Content Created by Other Players

You can block videos, images, and text created by other users from view.

Age Filtering for PlayStation® Store Content

Hide games and game features based on your child's age.

Set Monthly Spending Limits

Set the monthly maximum amount of money a child user can spend in the PlayStation® Store.

Resource: https://support.us.playstation.com/

Xbox One online safety and privacy settings for parents and children

Xbox One has age-appropriate controls and settings that you can adjust to suit your family's needs. Access these settings from either Xbox.com or an Xbox One console – although you can only change content and app settings from the console.

From Xbox.com

Change privacy and safety settings for you or a child

1. Sign in to the adult's Microsoft account at Xbox.com.

If you've forgotten your account email address or password, see the Lost Account Solution or the Lost Password Solution.

2. Under **My Xbox**, select **Profile**.
3. Select **Privacy settings** or **Online safety on Xbox One**.

Due to the secure nature of these settings, you may be asked to enter a security code that we'll send to the alternative phone number or email address previously saved to your account.

4. Select the account that you want to look at.
5. Review the settings currently in place and update those that you want to change.
6. Save your changes on each tab before moving on to the next.

From your Xbox One console
Change privacy and safety settings for you or a child

1. Sign in to your Xbox. (If you're changing the settings for a child, sign in using an adult's account.)
2. Scroll left on the **Home** screen to open the guide.
3. Select **Settings > All Settings**.

For your account:

1. Under **Privacy & online safety**, select **Xbox Live privacy**.
2. Choose a default, or customise your settings by selecting **View details & customise**.

For a child's account:
1. Under **Account**, select **Family**.
2. Enter your password or passkey, then select the account that you want to update.
3. Select **Privacy & online safety**, then choose the default settings, or customise by selecting **View details & customise.**

Managing app privacy settings

When you download apps from Microsoft Store, each app requires permission to access data from your console.
1. On your Xbox One console, select **Settings > Privacy & online safety > App privacy**.
2. From the list, select what you'd like to give permission for by ticking the checkboxes.

If you're signed in with a child account, you'll need your parent to sign in and give permission for apps to access your data.
1. Sign in with an adult's account.
2. Go to **Settings > Family**.
3. Select the child account that you'd like to manage, and go to **Privacy & online safety > App privacy** to give permission.

Note
- If multiple gamers are signed in, apps can only access data that everyone has given permission for.
- When you give apps permission on a console, it's only saved on that console. If you use multiple consoles, make sure you give your apps permission on all your consoles.

Source: https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-GB/

Set parental controls for Xbox 360

Overview

The Xbox 360 console lets you customize and manage your family's access to games, movies, and television content. The Xbox 360 parental controls can be used to control both the console itself and access to content on Xbox Live, including:

- Which games can be played.
- Which movies and TV shows can be watched.
- How long each family member can use the console on a daily or weekly basis.
- Whether or not a family member can access Xbox Live.

How do I turn on parental controls on my Xbox 360 console?

Parental controls for Xbox 360 can be set through the console itself or on Xbox Live through your computer.

Watch the following video to learn about parental controls.
How do I turn on parental controls."

Parental controls are divided into two groups: console controls and online safety and privacy settings.

Console controls are located in the Family Settings or Family Center area on your console (depending on your Xbox Live membership type).

Set parental controls on your Xbox 360 console

1. On your console, go to **Settings**, and then select **Family**.
2. Select the gamertag of the child whose settings you want to adjust.
3. Under **Privacy & Online Settings**, select **Change Settings**.
4. Update the settings and then exit the screen to save.

Set parental controls through your computer

1. Sign in to your Xbox account.
2. Tap or click **My account**.
3. Tap or click **Security, family & forums**.
4. Tap or click **Xbox 360 Online Safety**, and then select the account you want to adjust. (Your child's avatar will be shown here next to your own.)
5. Select **Allowed** or **Blocked** next to the areas you want to limit or allow access to, and then tap or click **Save**.

What can I control on the console?

You can control the following on your Xbox 360 console:

- **Ratings and Content**: These settings let you restrict games and video content based on the content's rating. You can also set whether or not unrated or explicit content can be played on this console.
  Tip You can set up exceptions for individual games that are outside of the rating restrictions you've set.
- **Family Timer**: This setting allows you to limit the time your console can be used on a daily or weekly basis.
- **Xbox Live Access**: This setting allows you to decide if your family can connect to Xbox Live from this console.
- **Xbox Live Membership Creation**: This setting allows you to control whether or not new Xbox Live memberships can be created from your console.
- **Change Pass Code**: This setting allows you to change your pass code.
- **Reset to Default Settings**: This setting allows you to reset the settings to their original factory settings.

How do I change my pass code on the console?

To change your pass code:

1. On your console, go to **Settings**, and then select **Family**.
2. Enter your 4-button pass code.
3. Select **Change Pass Code**.
4. Select **Change Pass Code** again.
5. Enter a new 4-button pass code twice.
6. Select **Done**.
7. Select **Save and Exit**.

What can I do if I've forgotten the pass code I set up for parental controls?

If you've forgotten your pass code, you can reset it by answering the pass code question you set up parental controls. Here's how:

1. On your console, go to **Settings**, and then select **Family**.
2. Select a content control setting to change.
3. When you're prompted, enter any pass code (even though it's incorrect).
4. When you're notified that your pass code is incorrect, select **Reset Pass Code**.
5. When your pass code question appears, use your controller or chat pad to enter the answer, then select **Done**.

How do I set the Family Timer on the console?

Watch the following video to learn about the Family Timer.
Watch the video: "[Set the Family Timer to help limit screen time.](#)"

Use the Family Timer to limit the amount of time your family can use your console on a daily or weekly basis. Family members can see how much time remains by pressing the **Guide** button on the Xbox controller. When the time expires, the console shuts down and can't be used again until the Family Timer automatically resets the next day or week.

To set the Family Timer
1. On your console, go to **Settings**, and then select **Family**.
2. Select **On** to turn on Console Safety.
3. Enter a 4-button pass code using your controller.
4. Select **Family Timer**.
5. Select whether you want to set a **Daily** or **Weekly** timer.
6. Move down to the time period and use the left stick to increase or decrease the time period, then select **Continue**.
7. Select **Save and Exit**.

When the Family Timer is on, notifications will appear 1 hour, 30 minutes, 15 minutes, and 5 minutes before the time runs out. These give players sufficient warning so that they can save their games. However, when one of these notifications appears, you can add time or disable the timer altogether by entering your pass code.

To add time or suspend the Family Timer

1. When a Family Timer notification appears, press the **Guide** button to see the Family Timer options.
2. Enter your pass code using your controller.
3. Choose to add more time, suspend the timer, or turn the console off.

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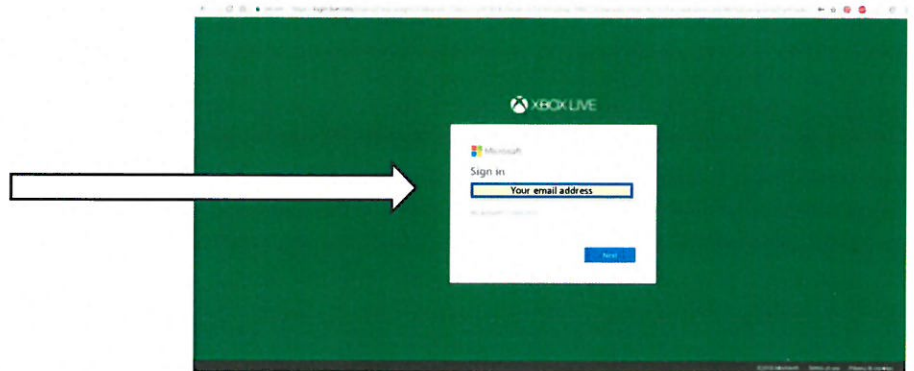
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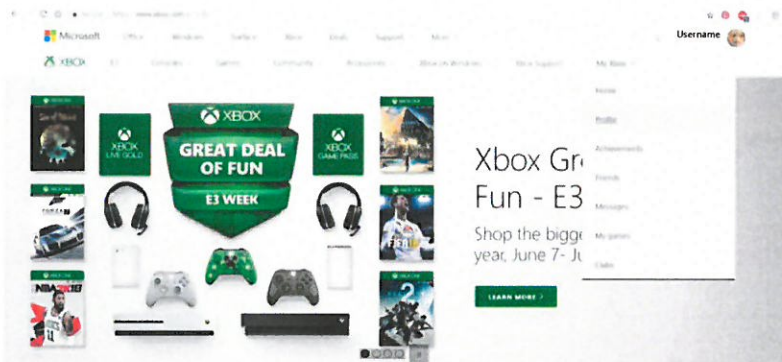
Step 1
Sign in to (or create) your
Microsoft account

www.xbox.com

Step 2
Go to My Xbox

Click on Profile

Step 3
Click on My
Privacy Setting

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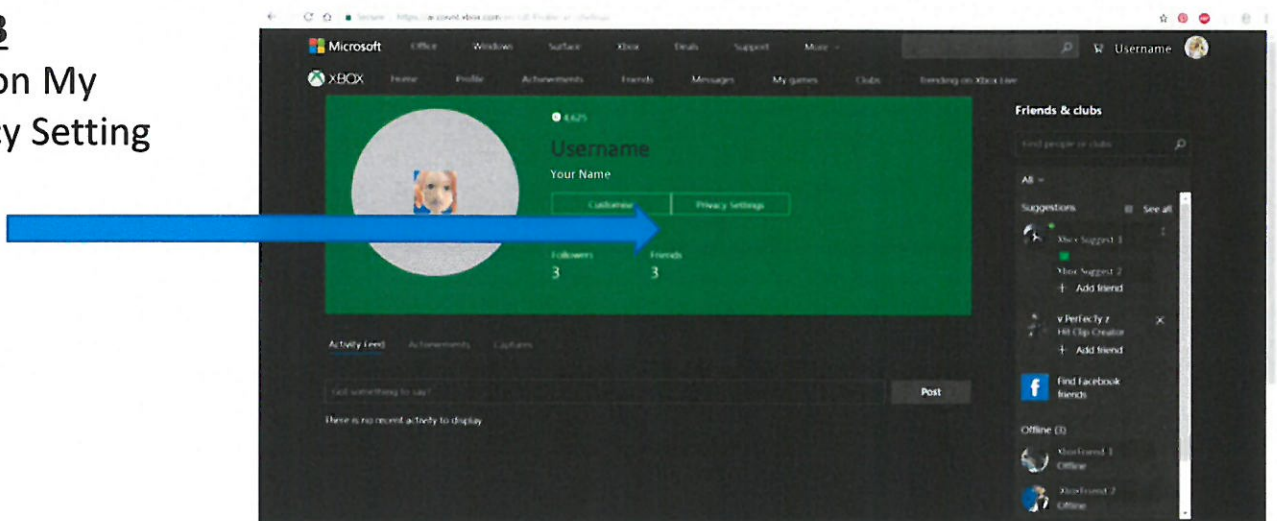
Step 4
Click on Microsoft Family

Privacy & online safety

The gamerpics below show the people in your Xbox family. To change someone's privacy and online safety settings, select their gamerpic, then make changes, then press Save. Any adult in the family can manage the settings for all the children in the family, but children can only see (and not set) their own settings. Parents: if you update your child's settings, they will need to log out and log in for them to take effect.

Username

Privacy

Username can

	Everybody	Friends	Block
See other people's Xbox Live profiles (Xbox 360 Profile Viewing)	◉	○	○
Decide to allow or block seeing other people's game history and achievements from an Xbox One. A profile includes information about a member's game history and achievements. It can also contain a gamer's motto and personal info, which you may find inappropriate.			

Step 5
You might need to sign back in on this page.

Empower and simplify your family's digital life

ADD A FAMILY MEMBER

Step 6
Click on add a family member

Add a family member

◉ Child   ○ Adult

Email or mobile number

New | Audio

Enter the characters you see

If they don't have a Microsoft account, create one for them.
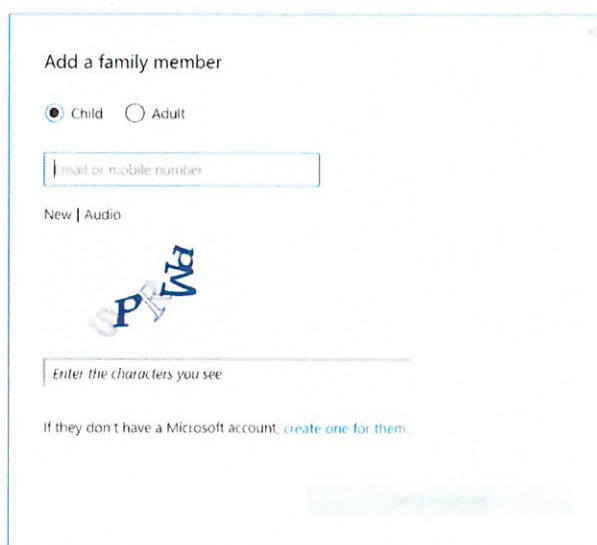
What to do after family members have been added .....

Connect your family accounts

Manage screen time, content settings and more. How? Create a Microsoft account for everyone in your family and add them.

Create a family >

Payment & billing	Devices	Subscriptions	Family
	XboxOne		Child 1
	XboxOne	Try Office 365 for free!	Child 2
	Xbox 360 Elite Console		
	All devices	Start your free trial	Manage your family

Rewards Privacy Security Help
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Microsoft Store Products Support Search Microsoft.com Username

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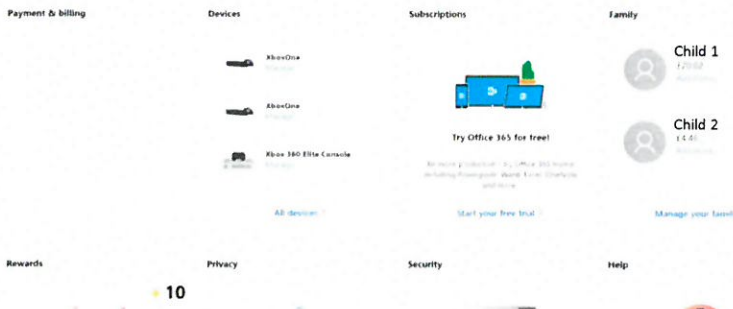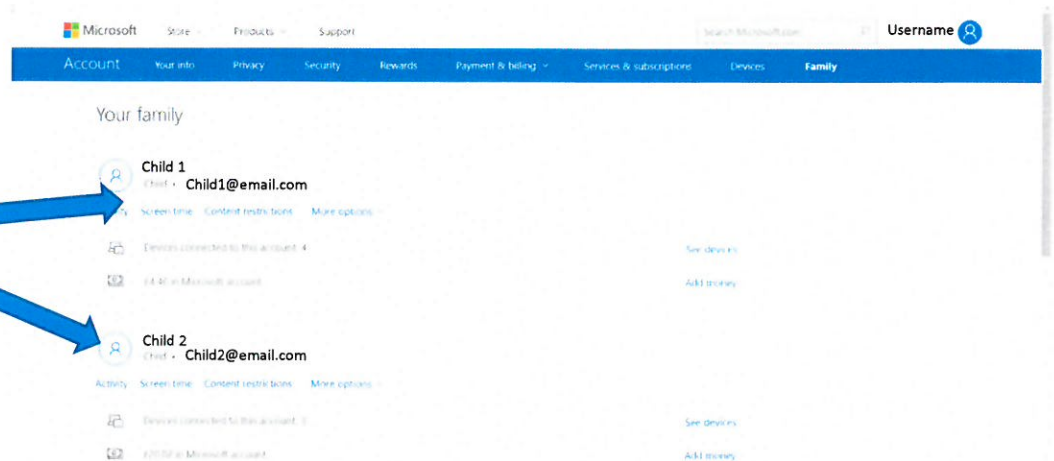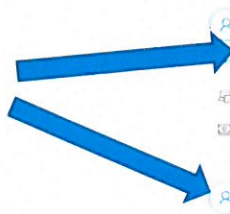
Your family

Child 1
Child • Child1@email.com
Screen time Content restrictions More options

Devices connected to this account: 4 See devices
£4.40 in Microsoft account Add money

Child 2
Child • Child2@email.com
Activity Screen time Content restrictions More options

Devices connected to this account: 3 See devices
£0.00 in Microsoft account Add money

Recent activity Screen time Content restrictions Spending Find your child

Keep an eye on kids online

Get weekly reports of your child's activity across Windows 10 and Xbox One devices, along with Android phones running Microsoft Launcher. Have it delivered straight to your inbox or review it online, at any time.

Activity reporting Off

What will I see?

Screen time
See how much time they spend with their devices, then set limits to help them create healthy habits.

Web browsing
See where they're surfing. You can allow or block specific sites right from your report.

Apps and games
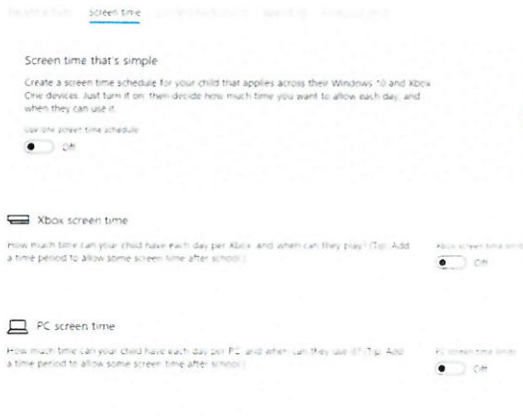Make sure the all the apps and games that are appropriate for your child's age.
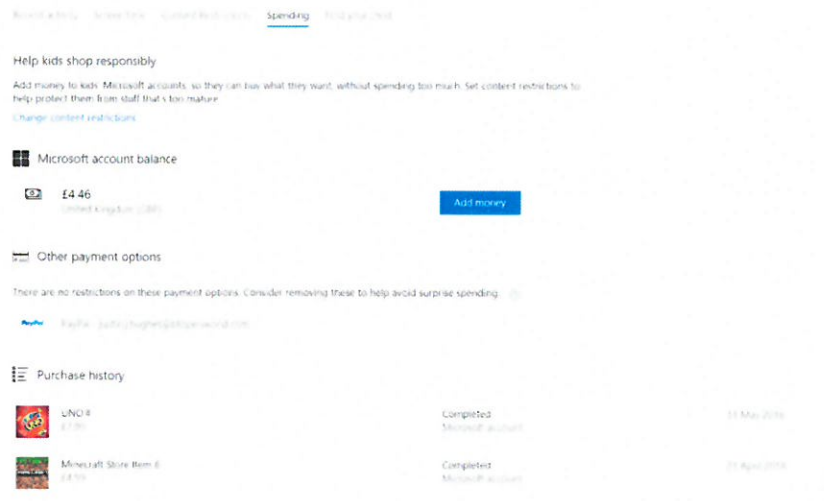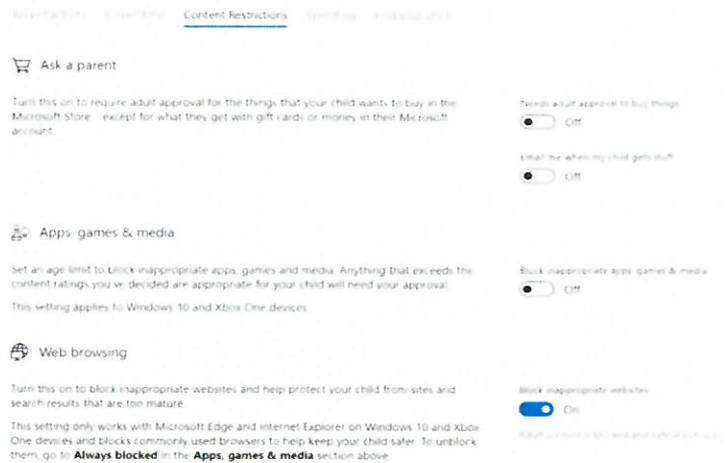
Help with Microsoft family features

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Step 10
Screen Time – this allows you to schedule screen time across Windows 10 and XboxOne devices.

Screen time that's simple

Create a screen time schedule for your child that applies across their Windows 10 and Xbox One devices. Just turn it on, then decide how much time you want to allow each day, and when they can use it.

Use one screen time schedule
Off

Xbox screen time

How much time can your child have each day per Xbox, and when can they play? (Tip: Add a time period to allow some screen time after school.)

Xbox screen time limits
On

PC screen time

How much time can your child have each day per PC, and when can they use it? (Tip: Add a time period to allow some screen time after school.)

PC screen time limits
Off

Step 11
Content Restrictions – turn this one if you want to give approval for things a child can buy. Enables you to set age limits to block inappropriate apps and websites.

Ask a parent

Turn this on to require adult approval for the things that your child wants to buy in the Microsoft Store – except for what they get with gift cards or money in their Microsoft account.

Needs adult approval to buy things
Off

Email me when my child gets stuff
Off

Apps, games & media

Set an age limit to block inappropriate apps, games and media. Anything that exceeds the content ratings you've decided are appropriate for your child will need your approval.

This setting applies to Windows 10 and Xbox One devices.

Block inappropriate apps, games & media
Off

Web browsing

Turn this on to block inappropriate websites and help protect your child from sites and search results that are too mature.

This setting only works with Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer on Windows 10 and Xbox One devices and blocks commonly used browsers to help keep your child safer. To unblock them, go to **Always blocked** in the **Apps, games & media** section above.

Block inappropriate websites
On

Help kids shop responsibly

Add money to kids' Microsoft accounts, so they can buy what they want, without spending too much. Set content restrictions to help protect them from stuff that's too mature.

Change content restrictions

Microsoft account balance

£4.46
United Kingdom (GBP)

Add money

Other payment options

There are no restrictions on these payment options. Consider removing these to help avoid surprise spending.

PayPal: cathy.hughes@btopenworld.com

Purchase history

UNO ii   Completed   11 May 2018
£7.99   Microsoft account

Minecraft Store Item ii   Completed   21 April 2018
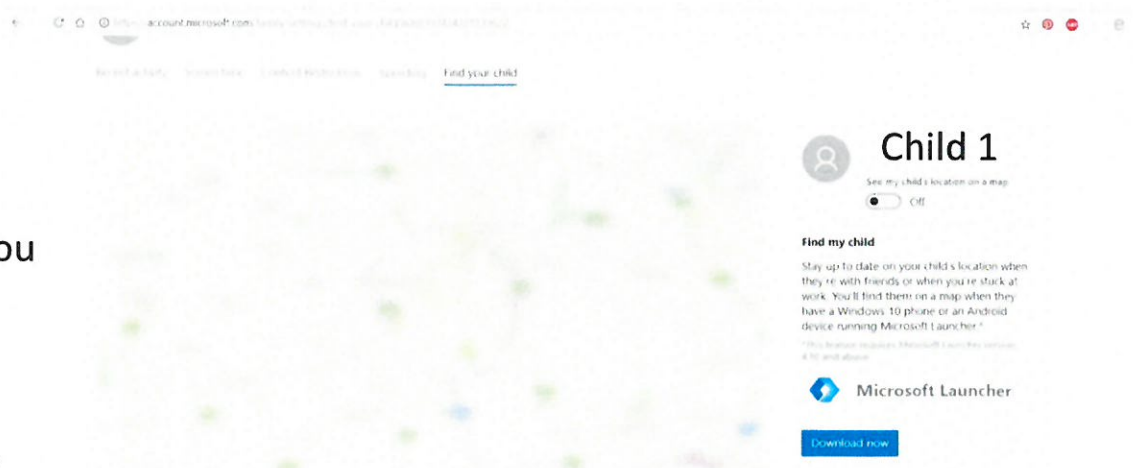£4.99   Microsoft account

Step 12
On the Spending tab, you can add money and to their Microsoft accounts and set content restrictions to protect them from things that are too mature.

Step 13
Find My Child Download Microsoft Launcher and you can locate your child through their Apple of Android phone.

Child 1
See my child's location on a map
Off

Find my child

Stay up to date on your child's location when they're with friends or when you're stuck at work. You'll find them on a map when they have a Windows 10 phone or an Android device running Microsoft Launcher.

Microsoft Launcher

Download now

<u>Setting Nintendo 3DS Parental Controls</u>

Applies to: <u>New Nintendo 2DS XL</u>, <u>New Nintendo 3DS</u>, <u>New Nintendo 3DS XL</u>, <u>Nintendo 2DS</u>, <u>Nintendo 3DS</u>, <u>Nintendo 3DS XL</u>

Parental Controls can be set at any time on Nintendo 3DS family systems. It's possible to configure these options while setting up the Nintendo 3DS family system for the first time, and then after this point they can be altered via System Settings.

http://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Safety/Nintendo-3DS-Parental-Controls/Setting-Nintendo-3DS-Parental-Controls/Setting-Nintendo-3DS-Parental-Controls-907330.html#media_player_overlay_907222

<u>Follow these steps to set up Parental Controls:</u>
1. Open the System Settings software from the HOME Menu.
2. Select Parental Controls and follow the on-screen instructions.
3. Choose a PIN code to ensure that your child cannot change your chosen settings. You will be asked to enter the PIN twice to confirm.
4. Select a secret question and answer in case you forget your PIN. This can used to retrieve access to Parental Controls if you forget your PIN.
5. You can choose to register an email address; please choose an email address your child does not have access to. If you forget your PIN and the answer to your secret question, you can request for a master key to be sent to your registered email address, which will allow you to reset your PIN code. You will be asked to enter the email address twice.

6. By default, all Parental Control options are enabled. You can individually configure the settings to your needs by selecting the separate topics. Please note that you will need the PIN code to access certain important functions, including Internet Settings and Format System Memory.
7. Once you are satisfied with your settings, tap the "Done" button to confirm. You will be taken back to the Parental Controls front screen.
8. If you wish to change your settings at any time, please enter Parental Controls via System Settings. You will need to enter the PIN code to access the Parental Controls software after it has been set up. From the Parental Controls front screen you can adjust settings, change your PIN, secret question, secret answer or email address, or clear Parental Controls settings entirely.

What can I restrict with Parental Controls?

Applies to: New Nintendo 2DS XL, New Nintendo 3DS, New Nintendo 3DS XL, Nintendo 2DS, Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo 3DS XL

You can tailor your child's Nintendo 3DS family system to suit their age using flexible Parental Controls. You can switch off as few or as many features as you desire to suit you and your child: for a young child, you might choose to prevent access to many functions, while individual features can be disabled without locking down the entire system for an older child.

By default, all features are restricted when Parental Controls are enabled. As a precautionary measure, **Internet Settings**, used to set up internet connection settings for Nintendo 3DS family systems, and the **Format System Memory** option, used to clear the system's memory, are restricted by default. The parental PIN code is required each time you wish to access these settings. The following functions can be restricted using Parental Controls. It is possible to temporarily enable functions for a single use by entering the parental PIN code when prompted.

Software Rating – Restricts the usage of Nintendo 3DS software with unsuitable content, defined by their age rating. It is only possible to access software that has an age rating higher than the age defined with the Software Rating setting by entering the parental PIN code.

Nintendo 3DS Shopping Services – Restricts the use of credit cards and online purchasing of content and services through Nintendo 3DS Shopping Services, such as Nintendo eShop. When this option is enabled, entry of the PIN code is required to add funds with a credit card or complete purchases in Nintendo eShop.

Display of 3D Images – Restricts the use of 3D visuals. This option locks the system to 2D display mode until it is disabled. The 3D depth slider does not affect visuals when the system is in 2D mode. If this option is enabled, a prompt asking whether the software should be loaded in 3D mode or 2D mode will appear each time 3D-compatible software is launched. To play in 3D mode, the parental PIN code must be entered.

Miiverse – Restricts access to Miiverse. It is possible to select two different levels of restriction for Miiverse. By choosing "Restrict Posting", you will be unable to post comments, reply to other users' comments or Yeah other users' comments, but can still read comments and browse game communities. Selecting "Restrict Viewing and Posting" prevents users from loading Miiverse at all.

Sharing Images / Audio / Video / Long Text Data – Restricts the transmission of data which may contain private information, such as images (including photos), audio, video and long text. Please note that this does not restrict data sent by Nintendo DS software or Miiverse. To restrict Miiverse, please use the dedicated Miiverse control.

Online Interaction – Restricts access to online communication in games and the exchange of certain game data with other users over the internet. Please note that this does not restrict access to Miiverse, the Internet Browser or Nintendo eShop. You cannot restrict certain data downloaded through SpotPass, such as system updates or notifications from Nintendo.

StreetPass – Restricts access to StreetPass and prevents data exchange in StreetPass-compatible Nintendo 3DS software. While you can still enter StreetPass Mii Plaza, you will be unable to customise your Mii character's profile, and StreetPass Mii Plaza games will not be accessible.

Friend Registration – Restricts users from adding friends via the friend list. It is possible to view activity of currently registered friends – for example, you can see if they are online and which game they are currently playing – but it is not possible to register new friends without the parental PIN code.

Upon tapping the "Register Friend" button, a prompt will appear that allows the restriction to be temporarily removed by entering the parental PIN code. The PIN code must be entered each time the "Register Friend" button is touched.

DS Download Play – Restricts use of DS Download Play, preventing the download of Nintendo DS demos and local multiplayer in Nintendo DS software. This prevents Nintendo DS game data from being sent to the system. Upon entering the DS Download Play software, you will see a prompt which allows the functionality to be re-enabled with the parental PIN code. The PIN code is required each time the software is loaded while this control is enabled.

Viewing Distributed Videos – Restricts viewing of distributed videos to those suitable for all ages. Please note that this setting does not apply to game-related videos found on Nintendo eShop, which can be restricted according to age rating using the Software Rating setting.

Internet Settings – used to set up internet connection settings for Nintendo 3DS family systems – and the **Format System Memory** option, each found within System Settings, are restricted by default. The parental PIN code is required each time you wish to access these settings.

Setting Wii U Parental Controls
Applies to: Wii U

Parental Controls can be set at any time on Wii U. It's possible to configure these options while setting up a Wii U user account for the first time, and then after this point they can be altered via the Parental Control software.

Using Parental Controls on Wii U

Follow these steps to set up Parental Controls:

1. Open the Parental Controls software from the Wii U Menu and follow the on-screen instructions.
2. Choose a PIN code to ensure that your child cannot change your chosen settings. You will be asked to enter the PIN twice to confirm.
3. Select a secret question and answer in case you forget your PIN. This can used to retrieve access to Parental Controls if you forget your PIN.
4. You can choose to register an email address; please choose an email address your child does not have access to. If you forget your PIN and the answer to your secret question, you can request for a master key to be sent to your registered email address, which will allow you to reset your PIN code. You will be asked to enter the email address twice.
5. Choose a user account. It is possible to apply individual Parental Controls to each user account.
6. By default, all Parental Control options are enabled when you set up Parental Controls on a user account. You can individually configure the settings to your needs by selecting the separate topics. Please note that you will need the PIN code to access certain important functions, including Internet Settings and Format System Memory. It's also possible to configure settings for Wii software by clicking the Wii Menu Settings button. Please note that you cannot apply separate settings to individual users for Wii software.
7. Once you are satisfied with your settings, tap the "Done" button to confirm. You will be taken back to the Parental Controls front screen.

What can I restrict with Parental Controls?
Applies to: [Wii U](#)

You can tailor your child's Wii U experience to suit their age using flexible Parental Controls. You can switch off as few or as many features as you desire to suit you and your child: for a young child, you might choose to prevent access to many functions, while individual features can be disabled without locking down the entire system for an older child.

By default, all features are restricted when Parental Controls are enabled. As a precautionary measure, **Internet Settings**, used to set up internet connection settings for Wii U, and the **Format System Memory** option, used to clear the system's memory, are restricted by default. The parental PIN code is required each time you wish to access these settings.

The following Wii U functions can be restricted using Parental Controls. It is possible to temporarily enable functions for a single use by entering the parental PIN code when prompted.

Game Rating – Restricts the usage of Wii U software with unsuitable content, defined by their age rating. It is only possible to access software that has an age rating higher than the age defined with the Software Rating setting by entering the parental PIN code.

Online Interaction in Games – Restricts online features and exchange of content through games. To control the use of the internet browser, Nintendo eShop or Miiverse, you must set the restrictions for those separately. You cannot restrict certain data downloaded through SpotPass (such as system updates or notifications from Nintendo).

Wii U Shopping Services – Restricts the use of credit cards and online purchase of software through Wii U shopping services, such as Nintendo eShop. When this option is enabled, entry of the PIN code is required to add funds with a credit card or complete purchases in Nintendo eShop. This setting does not restrict the use of credit cards on web-based shopping sites or the downloading of free software.

Friend Registration – Restricts users from adding friends via the friend list. It is possible to view activity of currently registered friends – for example, you can see if they are online and which game they are currently playing – but it is not possible to register new friends without the parental PIN code.

Entertainment Excluding Games – Restricts the use of non-game software (such as video viewing software). Game-related videos in Nintendo eShop are controlled separately by the Game Rating restriction. To prevent the viewing of videos within the internet browser or Miiverse, you must restrict use with the Internet Browser or Miiverse settings.

Data Management – Restricts the deletion or moving of software or save data using Data Management.

Miiverse – Restricts access to Miiverse. It is possible to select two different levels of restriction for Miiverse. By choosing "Restrict Posting", you will be unable to post comments, reply to other users' comments or Yeah other users' comments, but can still read comments and browse game communities.

Internet Settings – Restricts the addition, modification or deletion of internet settings.

In addition to the above, other options such as country setting, certain user settings, Wii U Chat settings and the deletion of all content and settings will be automatically be restricted.

As a parent, it's not always easy to keep an eye on your children's time spent with entertainment devices. The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app is a free smart device app which you can link with Nintendo Switch to easily monitor what and how your children are playing. If you do not have a smart device you can also set certain restrictions on Nintendo Switch directly.

Monitor your child's gameplay time.

In the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app, you can set a time limit for how long your child is allowed to play. When it's time, an alarm will be triggered on Nintendo Switch to let them know their play time is up.

In the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app, you can also comfortably monitor whether your children are keeping to the set time or not. By using the "Suspend Software" feature, you can set it so that the game turns off automatically when your child's gameplay time is up.
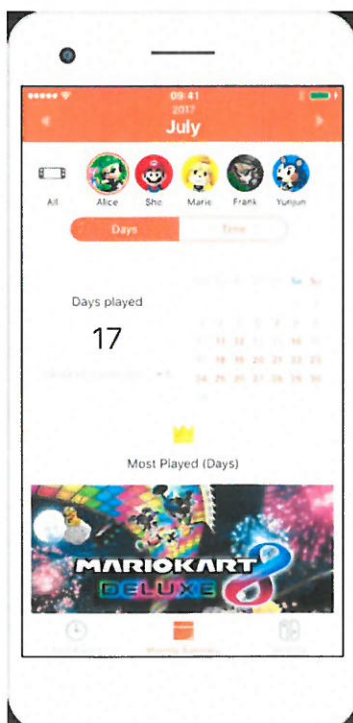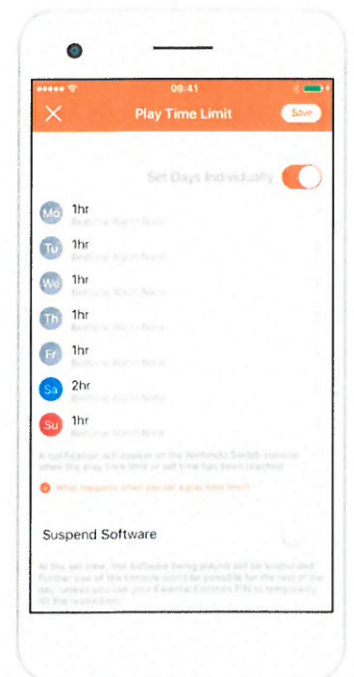
Monitor what your child is playing.

There's even a function in the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app where you can see a report of which video games your child has been playing, and for how long.

In addition to seeing what your children have been playing daily, you can also receive a monthly play report of your child from the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app.

At a glance, you can see what kind of games your children are interested in.

You can restrict your child's gaming access based on their age. The following settings are available:
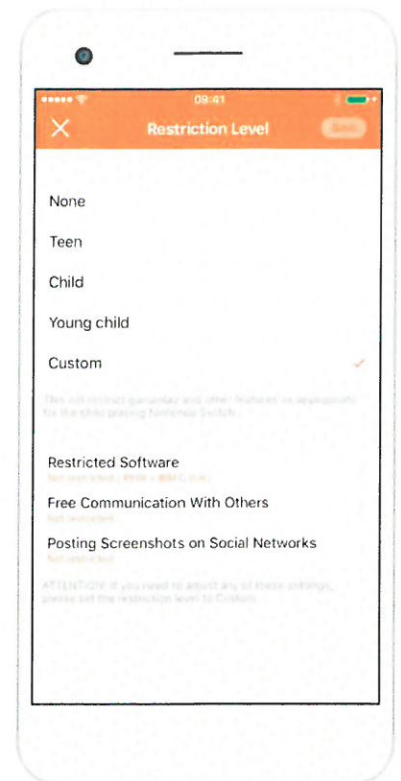
Features that can be restricted

- **Prevent children from playing games that are inappropriate for their age**
  You can set which games can be played based on the PEGI age rating.

- **Restrict communication with other users**
  You can restrict your child's ability to exchange messages and images with other users. This restriction can also be set for individual games.

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app does not include settings for the Nintendo Switch Online app. To set restrictions for the Nintendo Switch Online app, please refer to your smart device settings.

Restrict the ability of posting screenshots to social network services
You can restrict your child's ability to post screenshots captured on Nintendo Switch to social network services.

Please note: it is also possible to set all the age-based restrictions listed above via the Nintendo Switch console, without using the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app.

In order to use the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app, a parent or guardian (aged 18 or above) needs to have a Nintendo Account

http://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Nintendo-Account/Account-Registration/How-do-I-create-a-Nintendo-Account-/How-do-I-create-a-Nintendo-Account--1085436.html

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