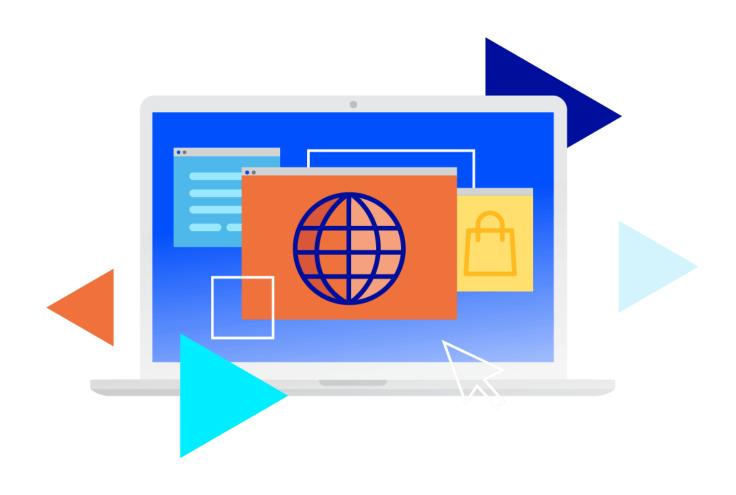




What games do you play online?



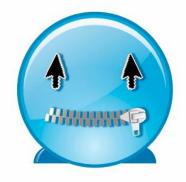
What websites do you visit?



How do you stay safe online?



How do you report or block someone?



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAGIT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

What activities could you enjoy online with the family?





Let's Talk

l agree with you because..

reminds me of...

I heard you say was...

I learned that...

According to the text..

tell me more about...

surprised that...

noticed that...

Could you explain your answer?

This makes me wonder about...

I understand what you are saying, but I think... I figured

would like to point out...

I think the author is trying to say...

This makes me think about...

show me?

A conversation starter is a great way to talk to your children about staying safe online. I asked the children in school the following questions to see how they would respond. But first, let's see what you think.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?



Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?



Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?



Here at our school, we find that Roblox is one of the highest used platforms by our children. Let's have a closer look at it.



First, what is Roblox?

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YU2pLJiptzA



Second, how can we stay safe?

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWzhE8fUi7E



1. Communication: how users can communicate with others

Whilst the games are aimed at 8-18 year olds, there are no age restrictions. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other on the platform.

All games are multiplayer and include a written chat feature, which is visible to players within each individual game. Users can also make and receive friend requests during gameplay and this means that they can chat to each other outside of the game.

The Roblox Studio is a section where players use their imagination and skills to create their own games and share these with others. The ability to create and play games can be very appealing to young people who like to create the content they see online.

However, because content is user-generated it can mean that some games might not be appropriate for young children. For example, whilst the graphics are not very life like, some of the games feature weapons and blood. By creating games, users can earn Robux, the in-game currency. You can also buy Robux in the game. Players can spend money on items, such as membership to the Builders Club. .

If game creators attract players and in-game adverts, they can earn a lot of Robux, which they can convert into real money. To do this, players must be over the age of 13, have paid for Roblox's premium subscription, and have access to a Paypal account. This means that younger players would need to talk to an adult to be able to exchange their Robux for real money.

Top tips for parents

Whatever gaming sites your children use, our advice remains the same. It is important to have a conversation with your child about the sites they use and carry on having open discussions. This will encourage them to come to you with any concerns they may have.

Involve your child in discussions and decisions about online safety and their internet usage. This will help them understand the importance of staying safe whilst having a great time online. It will also help to educate them about how they can keep themselves safe online and know what to do if something goes wrong.

Sign up with the correct age

Make sure your child creates an account using the correct age. On Roblox, certain safety settings and parental controls are enabled by default for children under 13. However, you should still review the settings to ensure they've been set up correctly.

Build a list of age-appropriate games

Not all games on Roblox will be appropriate for your child. The platform has a setting that lets parents and carers limit what their child can play by allowing them to build lists of age-appropriate games. You can also switch off in-app spending or set them monthly limits.

Explore communication settings

You can manage who your child can speak to by disabling chat completely or limiting it to friends only. You can also switch off their inbox to stop them receiving direct messages.

Explore the platform together

Ask your child to give you a demonstration of the platform to help you understand how they use it and explore some of the parental controls together. You could even consider setting up your own account and playing the games yourself.

Have regular conversations about gaming

Continue to <u>have regular conversations</u> with them about what they are doing online. Ask your child open questions like 'What games have you been playing on Roblox recently?' or 'What platforms have you been using to play games?'.

Check out our Online Safety Hub

Visit our <u>Online Safety Hub</u> for more advice and tips on gaming, talking to your child and much more. If you need more information on setting up parental controls on Roblox, visit <u>their Parent Guide</u>.



Set your account to private using these simple instructions:

- Along the bottom navigation bar tap on .
- Scroll down and tap on Settings.
- Tap on **Privacy**. From here you can control who messages you, invites you to servers, and much more.

⊗Block

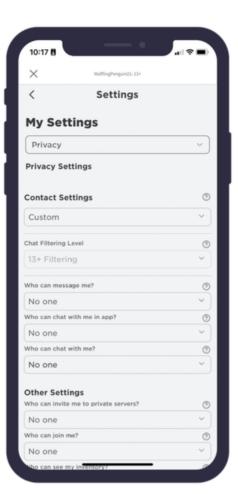
Block a user using these simple instructions:

- On the users profile, tap on the
- Tap Block User.
- Tap **Block** again to be extra sure the contact has been blocked.

Report

Report a user using these simple instructions:

- Underneath the game you want to report, tap on 🐽
- Tap on **Report**.
- Then select why you are reporting and tap Report Abuse.



https://oursafetycentre.co.uk