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Broadband controls

Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up.

Find out how to set yours up here:

Sky:

<https://www.sky.com/help/articles/sky-go-parental-settings>

BT:

<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

Talk Talk:

<https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/Keeping-your-Family-Safe/bd-p/kfshub>

Virgin:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control/>

Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your internet so ensure you set up parental controls on those devices too.

Further information: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>



Triller

What is Triller?

Triller is a social video platform available for iOS and Android users. It has been widely compared to TikTok as it involves users dancing or lip-synching to their favourite songs. Users can create videos, which are then auto-edited along with the ability to add filters and personalise with text and emojis.



Triller is rated as 12+ by the App store, which means it may not be suitable for children under the age of 12.

Direct messages/commenting

There is the ability to privately message other users as well as receive comments on your videos. This can pose a risk of receiving negative messages.

Inappropriate content:

Whilst Triller state in their Community guidelines that harmful content is not allowed and will be removed, potentially inappropriate content could be viewed.

Saving:

Users are able to share other people's videos (via other social media platforms/ email/ messages/by downloading) which means somebody could share your child's video without their consent. It is important your child is aware of this.

Public profiles:

You need an account to upload content. When you create an account, it is automatically set to public. Accounts can be changed to private in profile settings, which means only the people your child approves, can view what they upload.

You can find out more about Triller here:

- Community Guidelines: <https://support.triller.co/>
- What is Triller article? <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-triller>

Video Game database

Do you want to find out more about the games your child is playing or looking for game recommendations? This is a great website where you can search games by a number of ways e.g. by PEGI rating, genre or by those that do not have in-app purchases.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/home>

Thinking critically

We need to develop digital literacy skills in our children by encouraging them to think critically of what they read online and fact checking. This blog contains some practical tips to help develop these skills:

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/news-literacy-101>



Monitoring Apps

Would you like to monitor what your child is doing online? The best app to use will be dependent on what devices your child is using but this helpful article from Internet Matters reviews the top monitoring apps for you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>

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Let's talk

It's really important to regularly chat to your child about their online lives but it can sometimes be difficult to start these conversations. We thought these resources may help you to start these conversations:

- <https://www.childnet.com/resources/lets-talk-about-life-online/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Instagram

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Instagram is used to post photos and videos. Users can also DM (direct message), send disappearing messages, add to their stories (these disappear after 24 hours) and broadcast using IGTV. You **should be over 13 years of age to set up an account**. You should be aware that Instagram have released the following new features:

- The ability to delete up to 25 unwanted (negative) comments all at once as well as block or restrict multiple accounts at the same time.
- As tags and mentions can be used to target or bully, you can now choose whether you want everyone, only people you follow or no one to be able to tag or mention you in a comment, caption or story.

Further information

- Read about the new features in more detail here: <https://about.instagram.com/community/anti-bullying>
- More tips from Instagram including how to manage privacy: <https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511>

Gaming – has your child been offered gifts?

It has been known for offenders to gift children items (such as loot boxes) whilst playing online games. They may do this to develop trust and a relationship with your child. **This can be part of the grooming process.**

Thinkuknow offer further guidance:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat/>