Sharing some important news with The Royal School Community to enable us to continue our focus on Keeping Children Safe.

ONLINE SAFETY CONTROLS

Roblox is one of the most popular online gaming sites for children worldwide and it is currently the most popular gaming platform for children under 13. Roblox allows users to create their own games and play games that other users have created. It

has no minimum age requirement and the giant amount of games available on the website means that not all games are appropriate. There are a multitude of reports of children being scammed, groomed and exposed to inappropriate content on this site. Without any age or identity verification, Roblox opens an environment for groomers to target children. Children play games with strangers and the chat box function allows users to talk to anyone.

How can I make Roblox safer for my child?

Parents are advised to monitor their children when playing on Roblox and change certain settings. Parents can add their emails to moderate who their children chat with.

Simply, add your email address to the account settings and add a passcode so this cannot be changed.

Then, open the privacy menu where restrictions can be applied to in-game chats, personal invites and more. You can also monitor your child's account by viewing private messages, chat history, friends, followers, purchase history and recently played games.

Although adding a correct date of birth to your child's account will trigger the appropriate safe chat filtering settings, there is no age restrictions on games. So, unsuitable games will still be available.

Important update to TikTok

MORE ONLINE SAFETY CONTROLS

TikTok have released a [Guardian's Guide](https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/) to using their app. The guide provides an overview of the platform as well as the tools that guardians can use to keep their children safe on the app.

TikTok is a platform that allows people to share short videos. There are currently one billion active users worldwide.

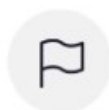The app has a **12+ rating** in the app store.

This rating means that children can be prevented from downloading the app with the correct parental controls in the app store. Users must provide a date of birth when creating an account. It is important that children provide a correct date of birth as this will influence the type of content and ads they are shown.

TikTok has a **Family Pairing feature** which allows guardians to link their account to their teenager's account allowing content and privacy settings to be enabled. Guardians can also turn on the app's screen time settings, e.g., Daily Screen Time and Restricted Mode, which are passcode protected. These settings may vary depending on region and version of the app.

Other important settings for online safety include **Community Controls** which help define who can interact with your videos and who can message you and **Content Controls** which are linked to the **"For You" page** and help manage the videos that a child can see. It is also beneficial to talk to your children about the **reporting feature.** Users can report videos, sounds, hashtags and other content which are inappropriate.

Monitor your child's use and viewing on TikTok
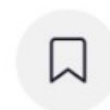
Report ANYTHING inappropriate.

Report | Not interested | Save video | Duet | Add to Favorites | Live photo

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Quick Guide to Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

action for children

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

LinkedIn

WhatsApp

Vine
Tinder

Path

YouTube
Keek
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr

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(13 with parents' permission)

Committed to an Anti-Bullying Stance at The Royal School

We continue in our commitment to Prevent and Respond to any form of Bullying at The Royal School.

As a parent/ guardian sometimes it is hard to know where to begin supporting your child if you suspect they are being bullied or if they are involved in bullying of others.

UNICEF have shared a fantastic article on their website, offering advice to parents and guardians.

We highly recommend you take a look at this article.

Please follow the link below to access it.

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https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-talk-your-children-about-bullying?
utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=organic-en&utm_campaign=end-violence-en