



Online Safety Newsletter



Is my child ready for a phone?



Before taking the step, have a quick think about whether they can follow rules, stay safe online, and come to you if something worries them. It's also helpful to consider how responsible they are in other parts of their life.

The NSPCC have teamed up with Vodafone to create an easy 8-question tool to help you decide when the time is right, plus simple age-based guidance on introducing technology.

For more information visit

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Good to know!

GOOGLE FAMILY LINK

Family Link provides tools that respect families' individual choices with technology, helping them create healthy, positive digital habits. With easy-to-use tools, you can understand how your child is spending time on their device, share location, manage privacy settings, and find the right balance for your family.

Family link can help parents:

- Set screen time limits
- Manage your child's apps
- Manage content filters, security and privacy
- See where your child is
- Get notifications and alerts about your child's device.

For more information visit

<https://families.google/familylink/>



FORTNITE



Fortnite is a series of games created by Epic Games. Users can play with or against others to reach certain objectives, depending on the type they're playing. Fortnite contains cartoon-like combat with no blood, but it does involve shooting and eliminating opponents.

Party Chat: In Fortnite, party chat is the built-in voice chat (and sometimes text) that lets players talk to teammates or friends while playing. This feature can put young children at risk of hearing inappropriate language, cyber bullying and exposure to strangers.

Parental Controls

Fortnite offers a range of parental controls to help you keep children safe within the game. Manage language filters, communication, screen time, spending and more with in-game controls. For more information visit

https://www.internetmatters.org/?generate_pdf=1&page=fortnite-battle-royale-parental-controls&post_id=6993