



# Safeguarding Newsletter for Parents

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This newsletter provides useful ideas and ways to keep your children safe when they are online.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. The following advice and resources are there to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibility and positively.

## **This issue focuses on Roblox**

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here:

<https://hindenburesearch.com/roblox/>

### What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.



A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.

If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

### What should I be aware of?

**Game content** - as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy ingame upgrades or accessories.

### **Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW**

Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

### **Content Labels - NEW**

Roblox have begun labeling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age. You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620Parental-Controls-Overview>