

Mind the gap

Where does your child go online?

Protecting your child in their digital world might sometimes feel like a long and complicated journey. But it doesn't have to. Use this map to navigate the parental controls and other safety tools available to you, wherever your child is. Jump on board at the start of any of the four lines and you'll soon be on your way.

vodafone.com/parents/parentalcontrols

Fixed games console parental controls

Xbox, PlayStation and Wii provide parental controls to help keep your little gamers safer.

TV parental controls

Services like Sky, Virgin Media and BT TV let you lock certain TV channels.

ISP parental controls

The UK's four largest broadband providers (BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media) offer free parental controls that families can choose to activate to protect their home network. Find out more at internetmatters.org

At home

Take the red line to see how you can protect your child's devices (laptop, mobile, tablet, games console and TV) when they are at home.

Operating systems parental controls

You can set up parental controls on Mac OS X and Windows 8. Mobile operating systems like iOS and Android also have parental controls (stop at 'Smartphone and tablet parental controls' for more information).

Online TV and film parental controls

Parental controls are available on services like BBC iPlayer and Netflix.

Google SafeSearch and Yahoo Safe Search help ensure that your kids don't come across inappropriate websites when

Safe mode on video-sharing websites

YouTube Safety Mode helps to screen out video content that you might not want your child to see.

At friends or relatives

Planning to visit their mates or stay with granny? Hop on the purple line and also find out if friends and family have ISP controls in place.

Web browser parental controls

Chrome, Internet Explorer and Safari help to keep kids safer when they are browsing the Web.

search engines

Safe search on

searching the Web.

Out and about

Not all public Wi-Fi (e.g. in cafés) has filters on so you'll need to make a few stops along the blue line to protect your child's mobile devices when they leave the house.

Smartphone and tablet parental controls

You can set restrictions on your child's Blackberry, iPhone/iPad or Android device and you can download the free Vodafone Guardian app for Android devices.

Follow the green line during they filter online content on

Third party parental controls

Companies like Norton, McAfee and NetNanny offer parental controls for smartphones, tablets and computers. Check out sipbench.eu

Handheld games console parental controls

If your child has a Nintendo DS or a PSP, you can block access to certain games and features.

Key to lines

At home At school Out and about At friends or relatives

of 4 to 11-year-olds have to follow online and mobile rules. (Source: Vodafone/YouGov, October 2013)

of teachers have never been formally trained in internet safety.

of people who use Wi-Fi outside the home use a free Wi-Fi connection.

(Source: Ofcom Communications Market Report, August 2014)

of parents have never spoken to their child's grandparents about online safety.

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