



# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## Roblox

PEGI have announced a change to the age rating for Roblox.

Roblox was rated 7+, however because of the huge amount of user generated content PEGI have changed the rating to a Parental Guidance label



### WHAT IS ROBLOX?

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. This may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.

It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.



### ALLOWED EXPERIENCES?

This allows you to select age appropriate experiences. Age categories available are 9+, 13+ and all ages.

You can find out how to set up Allowed Experiences here: [LINK](#)

### WHAT SHOULD I BE AWARE OF?

**Chat facility** - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them, then ensure you set the Monthly Spend Restriction to zero.

**Game content** – as mentioned, games are created by different users so sometimes the content may not be appropriate for your child.

**Blocking users and reporting** – ensure your child knows how to do this.

# Is your child ready for social media?



Childnet have produced this article answering your questions around social media, such as when should I allow my child to join social media?

The article also outlines some alternative sites that have been created for younger children. You can read the article here: [LINK](#)

## Talking to younger children ...

According to the latest research from Ofcom, nearly half of all 3-4 year olds have their own tablet so it is never too early to start chatting to our children about how to stay safe online. But how can we do this? Here are some of our suggestions:

### Use books to spark conversations

Childnet have created a collection of five 'Digiduck' stories to help you educate your child (aimed at aged 3-7) about online safety. Click [HERE](#)



There is also a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above titled 'On the internet.' The book has puzzles to encourage conversations. Click [HERE](#) to download.

### Watch Jessie & Friends together

ThinkuKnow have created three different animations for three age groups between 4 - 7 years. They also provide some useful guidance and advice on what else you can do to keep your child safer online, such as setting up appropriate parental controls. You can find out more [HERE](#)



## USEFUL LINKS

