TikTok

You must be over 13 TikTok. Users can watch clips (it includes lots of lip edit them and add special

years of age to use musical clips, record synching and dancing), effects.

Why should I be
You need to be aware that contain explicit language which may not be suitable There is also the risk of your child so make sure you appropriate settings.

concerned?
some of the videos may and sexual imagery, for your child to view. strangers contacting have set up the

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private (this is the default setting for users under 16 since Jan 2021). Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio are still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. location, age and phone numbers) to this area. This article explains how you can strengthen your privacy settings and what features are turned off by default for accounts for children aged 13 – 15: https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/strengthening-privacy-and-safety-for-youth

Family Pairing
This allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account. This will allow you to set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of inappropriate content) and screen time management (control how long they can spend on TikTok each day). You can find out more here: https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/
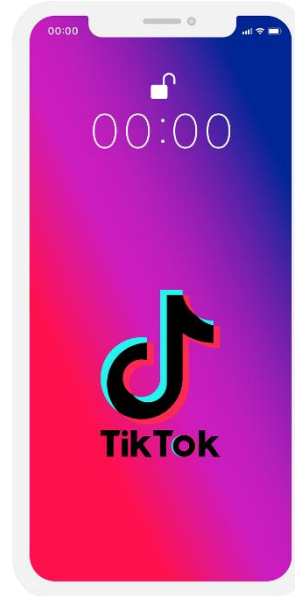
Challenges and Trends
Lots of them are fun and not harmful but sometimes they can be risky. TikTok have produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks: https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/.

Blocking and Reporting
As with similar apps, there is the ability to report and block other users so ensure your child knows how to use these features:
- https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem

Is your child playing Fortnite? **It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.**

> It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Find out more about parental controls here: https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.**

Further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide/

LEGO Build and Talk

LEGO® have created Build and Talk to help you chat to your child about digital safety and wellbeing. Firstly, you pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes questions and conversation prompts, whilst they build with their LEGO®. This is a great way to start talking about online safety with your child! https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/

Whilst you're there, view their guides on key topics related to online safety https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/digital-child-safety/ or play Doom the Gloom with your child, which will support them in using the internet safely: https://www.lego.com/en-gb/campaigns/kids/doom-the-gloom.

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