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Xbox Series X|S Parental Controls

Controls & settings guide

The Xbox Series S and Xbox Series X let users connect to play a range of video games. You can help your child game safely by setting parental controls on their Xbox Series console or with Microsoft Family.



1 How to set in-game spending restrictions

Microsoft Family lets you set spending restrictions across consoles and devices.

To help limit accidental spending, you can use Xbox Series parental controls settings.

To set spending limits with Microsoft Family:

Step 1 – Open your Microsoft Family app. Or go to Settings > General > Online safety & family > Family settings and select Family on the web. You will need to enter or set a PIN to access this.

Account	s Family settings
My sign-in, security & PIN	Your sign-in, security & PIN Protect your account from unauthorised activity.
Manage family members	Your sign-in is not protected Your PIN is set Your purchases require a PIN or account credentials
Family on the web	Changing your account settings requires a PIN or account credentials Launching Microsoft Edge requires a PIN or account credentials
	Manage family members
Access restrictions	Set restrictions on kids' accounts or add and remove family members. S Access to content is not restricted for all kids in your family
	Family on the web Control more with Microsoft account family settings.
	 Activity reporting is not enabled for all kids in your family Screen time is not enabled for all kids in your family (If you recently changed screen time, your child will need to sign in before this is refreshed.)
	Access restrictions
	Prevent workarounds through signing out or making new accounts.

Step 2 – Select the **family member** you wish to set restrictions for. Then, select **Spending** from the top of the screen.



Step 3 – Next to Get notified about every purchase [Child] makes, turn the toggle to green (On). This will help you oversee their purchases.

 Family Safety			
Home 🗧 Sheena's overview 🎽 Spending			
Freedom to spend responsibly			
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Step 4 – Within Microsoft account balance, select Add money and choose an **amount** to add. This will allow your child to spend freely up to that amount.



Step 5 – If possible, keep credit cards off of your child's account. Otherwise, under **Credit cards**, make sure to switch **On** the toggle next to **Require approval for every purchase**.

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2 Limit buying and downloading

In addition to Microsoft Family spending restrictions, you can turn off buying and downloading on the Xbox Series X|S console.



To turn on buying and downloading limits:

Step 1 – From the **home** screen, select **Settings** from the top menu (shown by a gear icon).



Step 2 – Under **General**, select **Online safety & family > Family settings**. You will need to enter or set a PIN.



Step 3 – Select Manage family members. Either add a new user or select an existing user. Then, select Privacy & online safety.

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Step 4 – Select Xbox privacy.

	Privacy & content restrictions	
	Privacy & online safety	
	Access to content Appropriate up to age 7	
Sheena	Web filtering Basic communication	
Remove Sheena from this Xbox console		
Remove Sheena from family		

Step 5 – Choose the Child defaults to set blanket restrictions. Or, select View details & customise.

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fore private		Children can play and download free games, music, videos, and apps, and make game clips of their best moments.
een defaults loderate	0	Children can see other people's profiles, but need the permission of an adult in their family to add friends or see the content they create.
		Others can
ore social	0	A child's friends can communicate with them, and see when they're online and available to play.
iew details & customi	se	A child's friends can see their profile, but not their real name.

Step 6 – Select **Buy & download**. Turn **Ask a parent** to **On**. This means they will need permission to buy or download new games or content.

Manage the privileges and permissions	for your Xbox profile.		
Online status & history	Sharing outside of Xbox	Settings include: • Ask before buying	
Profile	Buy & download		
Friends & clubs			
Communication & multiplayer			
Game content			

³ Where to manage screen time for Xbox Series X|S

Many children report feeling like they spend too much time online. Those who play video games are more likely to say this than non-gamers.

So, it's important to help them manage this. You can set screen time limits using

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Microsoft Family.

To manage screen time with Xbox:

Step 1 – Access your Microsoft Family app. Or, on the Xbox Series console, go to
 Settings > General > Online safety & family > Family settings menu and select
 Family on the web. You must enter or set a PIN.

Account	s Family settings
My sign-in, security & PIN	Your sign-in, security & PIN Protect your account from unauthorised activity.
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Step 2 – Choose your **child's account** and then navigate to the **Xbox tab**. Here, you will see a screen time overview. If you don't, you will need to add your child's console first.

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Add Sheena's devices to get started For screen time features to work: Sheena will need to sign in to a Windows device. How to connect a device		ć	
Devices Apps and games			



Step 3 – Scroll down to Devices. Under Xbox consoles, select Turn limits on.



Step 4 – In the top right corner, select the 3 dots and Edit limits.

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Xbox consoles		
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Monday	15 h	07:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Tuesday	15 h	07:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Wednesday	15 h	07:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Thursday	15 h	07:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Friday	15 h	07:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Saturday	15 h	07:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Step 5 – Set a **time limit** and **device use schedule**. You can click **Add a schedule** if you'd like to allow use at multiple times per day.

Do this once under **Every day** or repeat with each day of the week if you'd like different limits on different days.

When finished, select Done.



4 Set regular screen time breaks

In addition to screen time management available with Xbox Series X|S, you can set regular screen time breaks.

This is a reminder for children to get moving in between video game sessions.

To set screen time breaks:

Step 1 – From your child's Xbox account on the console, navigate to **Settings** > **Preferences** > **Break reminder**.





Step 2 – Enter or set your PIN and then choose an option from the **dropdown** menu.

For children under 13, **every 30 minutes** is ideal. For older children, **every hour** is okay.

Frequent breaks where they get moving and give their eyes a break is key.

Never	
Every 30 minutes	Choose a time interval at which to remind you to take a break.
Every hour Every 1 hour 30 minutes	The timer starts counting when you sign in or change this setting, but only displays the notification when





With Xbox Series X|S, you can customise who your child can communicate with in video games and the wider Xbox community.

You can choose from Child and Teen defaults or customise these settings to your child's needs.

To customise communication between users:

Step 1 – Access the Family settings menu under Online safety & family. Select Manage family members.



Step 2 – Choose the user you want to customise and select Privacy & online safetyXbox privacy.



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App privacy		
Message safety		

Step 3 – View details & customise > Communication & multiplayer.

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Profile	Buy & download	Others seeing your activity feed
Friends & clubs		
Communication & multiplayer		
Game content		

Step 4 – There are 5 settings to customise. Read through them and make choices with your child to keep them safe.

Multiplayer games: If allowed, your child can join multiplayer games. It does not allow them to communicate with others as this is a separate setting.

Cross-network play: If allowed, your child can play multiplayer games with other users outside of Xbox (for example, if others use a PlayStation or PC). This would allow your child to play games with their school friends even if they have different consoles.

Others can communicate: Choose between Everybody, Friends and Block to limit

other users communicating with your child using voice or text, or who can send invites to parties, games or clubs.

Communication outside of Xbox: Decide who your child can communicate with using voice or text on other gaming consoles like PlayStation or on PCs.

Video for communication: Set who your child can communicate with using video. If you personally know the children on their Friends list, you can select Friends. Otherwise, select Block.

Activity feed: Customise who can see your child's activity feed, such as which games they're playing.

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6 How to manage content restrictions

Xbox Series X|S parental controls lets you set limits to which content your child can access based on their age.

To set content restrictions:

Step 1 – From the console home screen, select Settings in the top menu.



Step 2 – Under General, select Online safety & family > Family settings.

General Online saf	ety & family	
Privacy & online safety	Manage console access and Xbox profiles for people in your Microsoft family group.	
Family settings		

Step 3 – Select Manage family members, then choose the **user** you'd like to set restrictions for. Select **Access to content**.

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	Privacy & content restrictions	
	Privacy & online safety	
	Access to content Appropriate up to age 7	
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Remove Sheena from this Xbox console		
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Step 4 – Use the **dropdown** box to select your child's **age**. As you do, you will see which content they can access based on their age.

For example, if you select 13, your child will be able to access content rated up to 12 (as there is no 13 rating).

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Appropriate up to age 15	
Appropriate up to age 14	
Appropriate up to age 13	Ratings for UNITED KINGDOM
Appropriate up to age 12	Games For ages 12 and over
Appropriate up to age 11	Films
Appropriate up to age 10	For ages 12 and over
	TV For ages 12 and over
	12 Music For ages 12 and over
	Apps For ages 12 and over

7 Where to review Xbox privacy settings

You can customise your privacy settings on Xbox Series X|S for each user.

In this section, you can limit who can see your child's profile, information and activity.

If you've already chosen a Child default in this section, your child's profile is private. You can review individual settings, however, to make sure they work for your child.

To review privacy settings:

Step 1 – Access the Xbox Settings menu and navigate to Family settings under Online safety & family. Select Manage family members.



Step 2 – Choose the user you want to customise and select Privacy & online safety.

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Step 3 – Select Xbox privacy > View details & customise.





Online status & history: Customise who can see if your child is online, what they're doing and their game and app history.

Profile: Customise who can see your child's profile details and real name. You can also block or allow your child to see other Xbox profiles.

Friends & clubs: Customise whether your child can add new friends or join clubs. You can also block others from seeing their friends' list and club memberships.

Communication & multiplayer: See here.

Game content: Customise whether your child can share content such as screenshots and live streams with others. You can also select who can see your child's captures and whether your child can share content made with a connected camera.

Sharing outside of Xbox: Customise whether your child can share game content on social media or other places outside of the Xbox network. **Buy & download**: <u>See here</u>.

Online status & history	Sharing outside of Xbox	Settings include: • Others seeing if you're online • Others seeing what you watch and listen to
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