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# Minecraft Parental Controls Guide

## Controls & settings guide

From Mojang Studios, Minecraft is popular among kids and teens and available across devices, including mobile, and systems. While you can set a range of parental controls on the devices they use, you can also use the Xbox Family Safety app and in-game safety settings to keep children safe online.

## 1 How to manage social features

Within the Xbox Family Settings app, you can manage who your child interacts with while playing Minecraft.

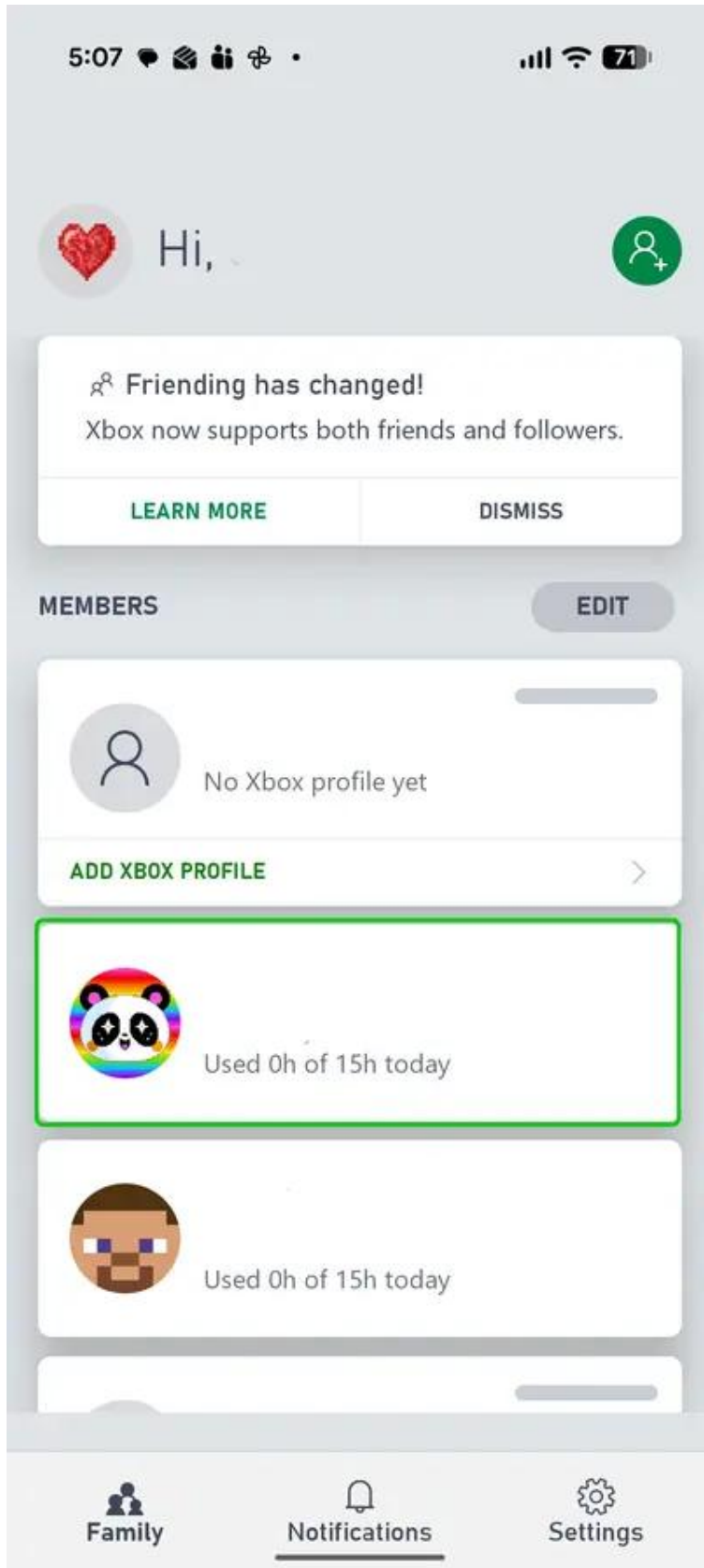
### To manage social settings:

**Step 1** – From the Xbox Family Settings homepage, select the child account you wish to manage.

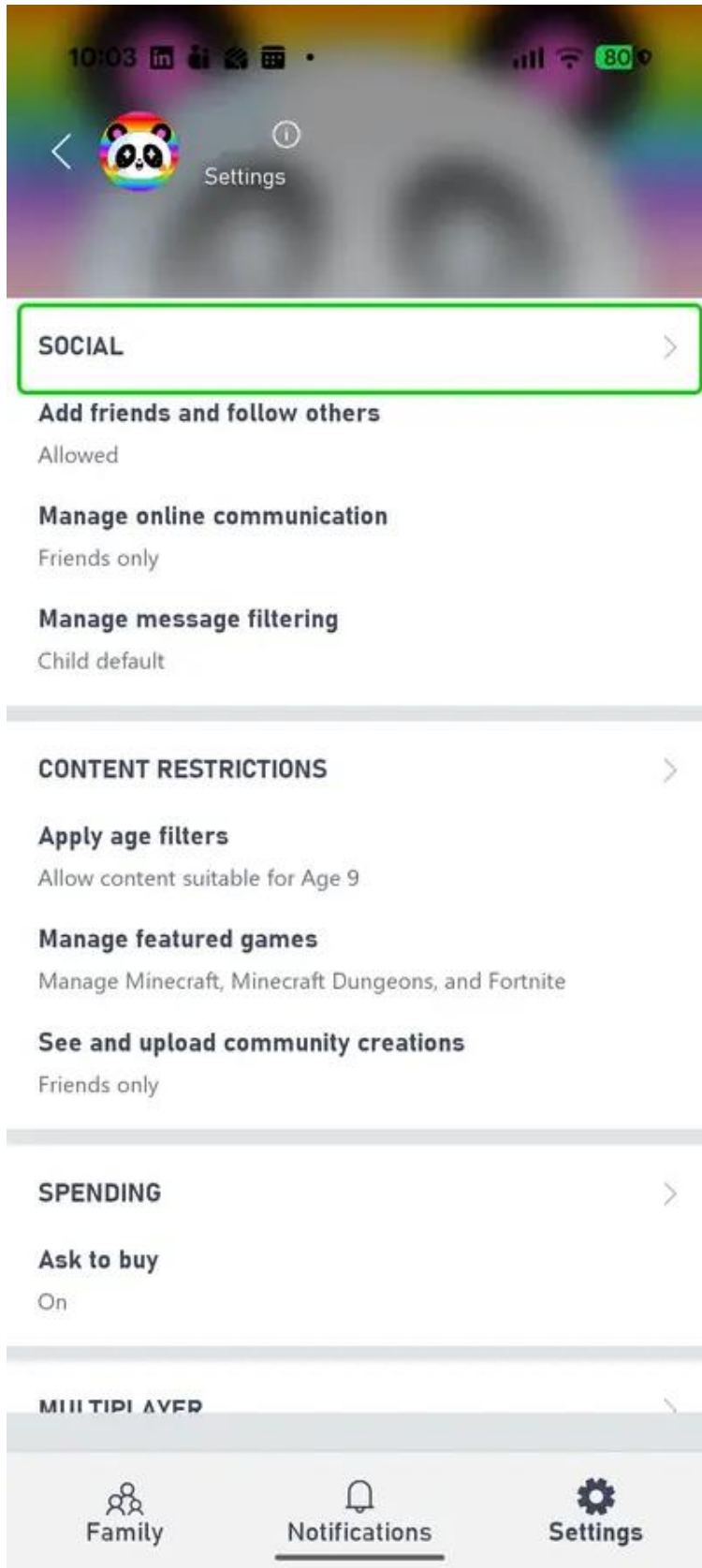
**Step 2** – Within the account's settings, select **Social**.

**Step 3** – Under the **Social** heading, you can go through the options to decide who can communicate with your child, what content is in messages and whether they can add friends without your permission.

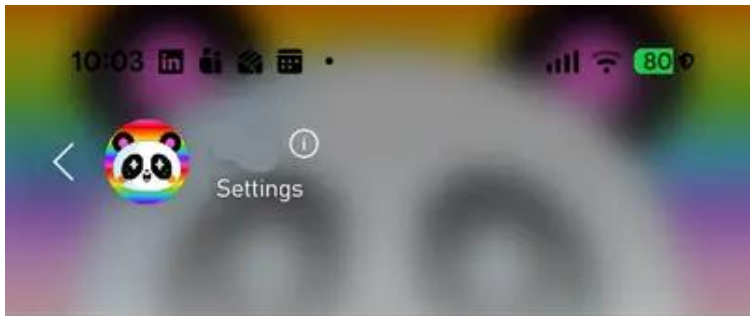
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## SOCIAL

### Add friends and follow others ⓘ

Decide if [ ] can add friends and follow others without your approval.

### ALLOWED



[ ] can add friends and follow others without your approval

### Manage online communication ⓘ

Choose who [ ] can communicate with on Xbox Live.

- EVERYONE
- FRIENDS ONLY
- NO ONE

### Manage message filtering ⓘ

Choose what content [ ] sees in their personal messages and requests.

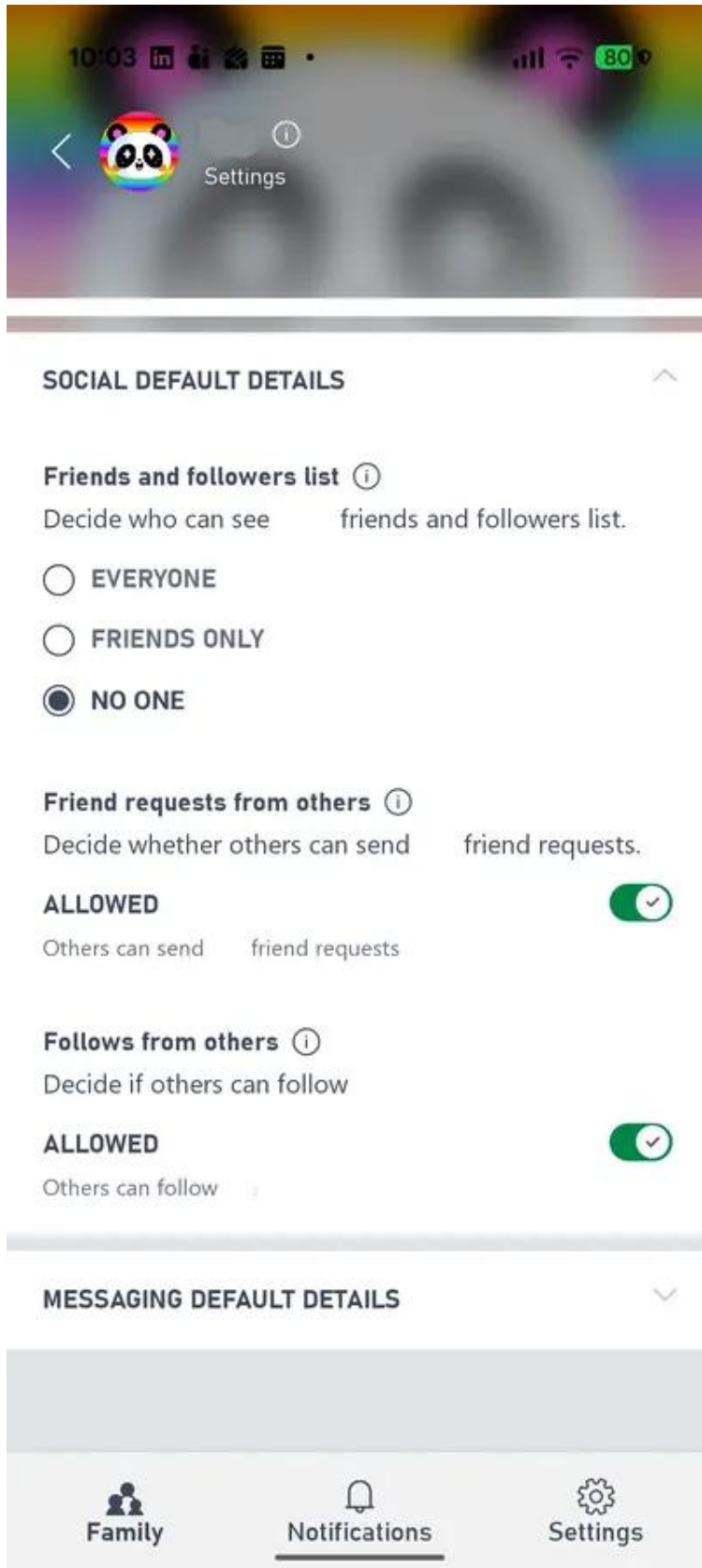
- CHILD DEFAULT
- TEEN
- ADULT
- CUSTOM



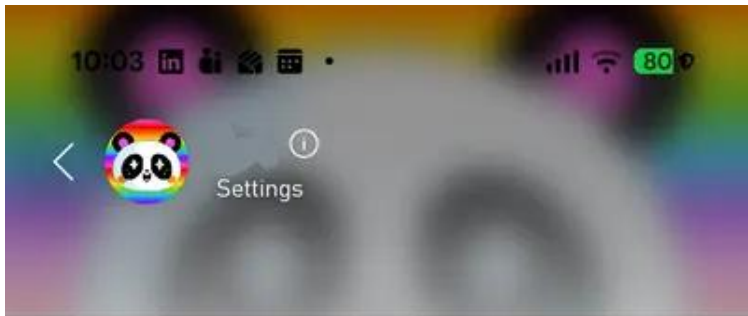
**Step 4** – Scroll down to **Social Default Details**, where you can decide whether others can friend or follow your child, and manage who can view their friends and followers list.

**Step 5** – Under **Messaging Default Details** you can filter messages to hide offensive text and block media and web links from appearing in them.

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## MESSAGING DEFAULT DETAILS

### Text in received messages

Decide how much to filter the text in messages receives. Text that might be more offensive than this level will be hidden from them.

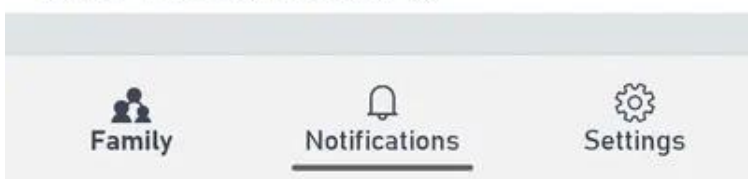
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- MATURE
- MEDIUM
- FRIENDLY

### Text in message

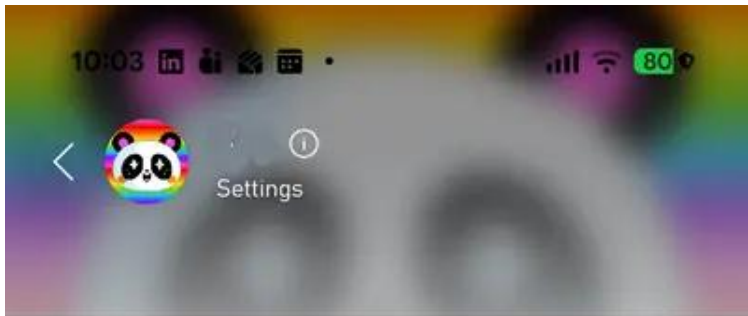
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- UNFILTERED
- MATURE
- MEDIUM
- FRIENDLY

### Media in received messages



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### Media in received messages ⓘ

Decide how much to filter images, videos, and animations in messages you receive. Media that might be more offensive than this level will be hidden from them.

- UNFILTERED
- MATURE
- MEDIUM
- BLOCK ALL

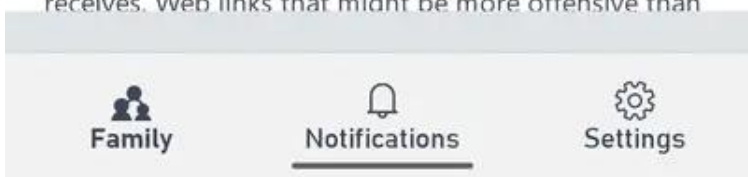
### Media in message requests ⓘ

Decide how much to filter images, videos, and animations in message requests from people you don't know. Media that might be more offensive than this level will be hidden from them.

- UNFILTERED
- MATURE
- MEDIUM
- BLOCK ALL

### Web links in received messages ⓘ

Decide how much to filter web links in messages you receive. Web links that might be more offensive than



## 2 How to restrict content

Using Xbox Family Settings, you can restrict content for your child.

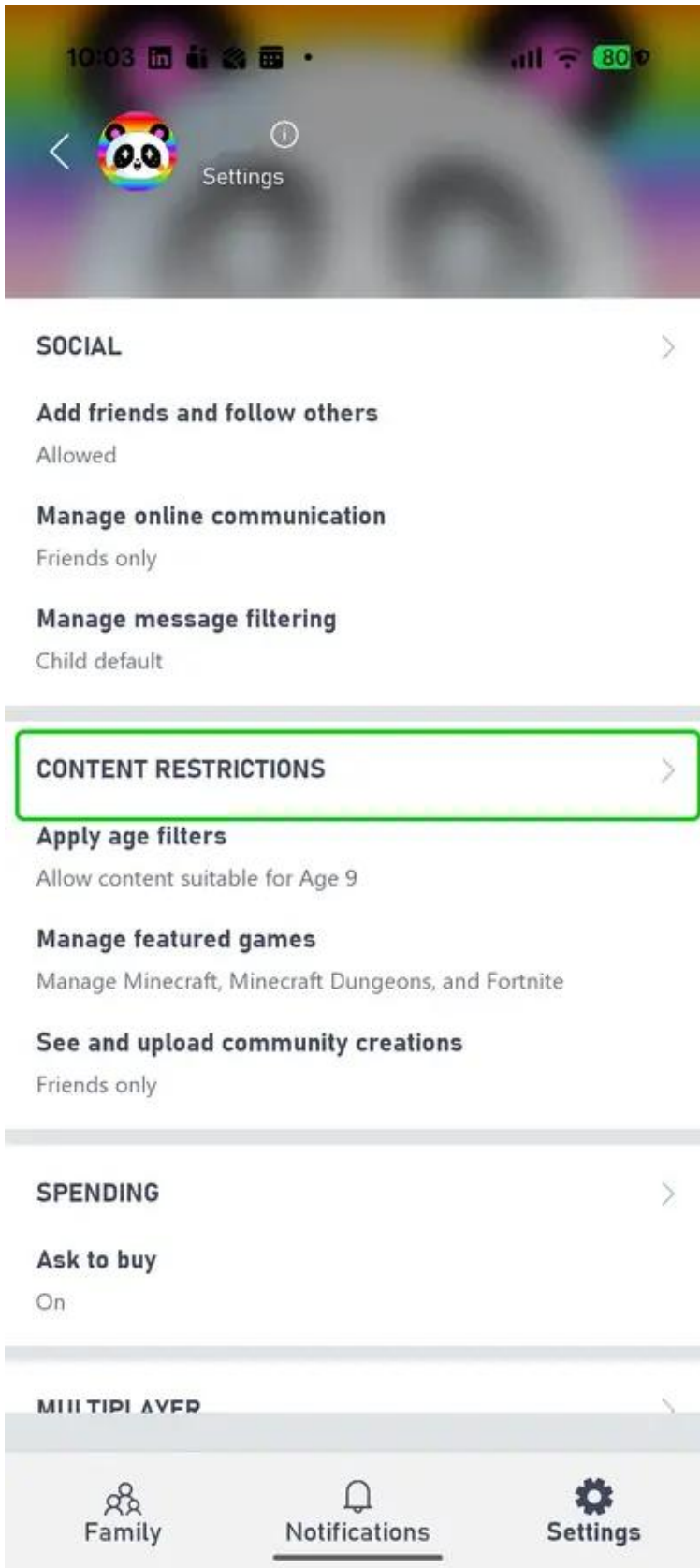
### To manage social settings:

**Step 1** – Within your child's account settings, select **Content Restrictions**.

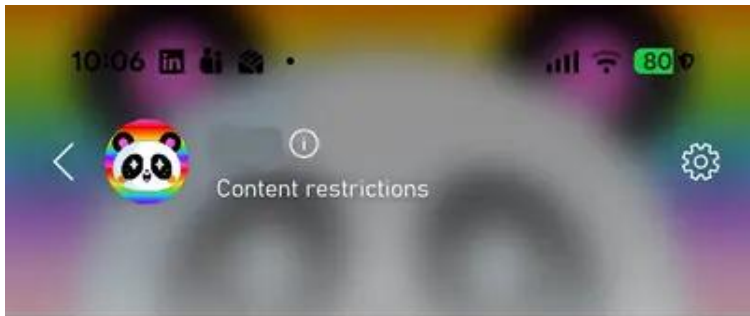
**Step 2** – In Content Restrictions you can apply age features to prevent your child from accessing content that is too mature for them.

**Step 3** – You can also decide whose community creations they can see. It is recommended to set this to **Friends Only**.

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## CONTENT RESTRICTIONS ⓘ

### Apply age filters

Set an age level for games, apps and other content on Xbox. [ ] will need your approval to use or play anything rated above the value you set.

### Allow content suitable for

Age 9 >

### Existing approvals (0) v

## MANAGE FEATURED GAMES

Swiftly configure and manage settings that affect the core gameplay experience for these supported titles. This gives you more control and peace of mind, ensuring a tailored gaming experience for your child.

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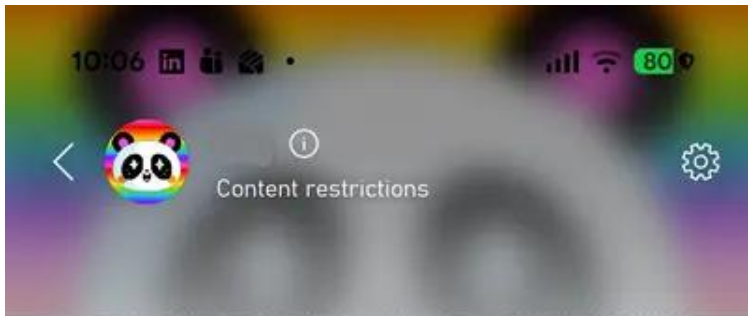
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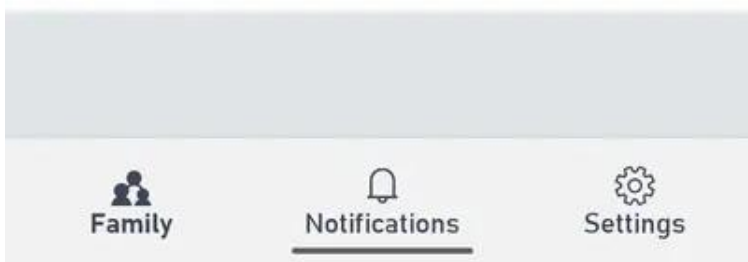
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-  **Fortnite**
  - Multiplayer
  - Gameplay, Cross-network play, Cross-network communication

### SEE AND UPLOAD COMMUNITY CREATIONS ⓘ

Decide whose community creations can see. Blocking this may affect whether can upload their own creations to games.

- EVERYONE
- FRIENDS ONLY
- BLOCKED



## 3 How to manage spending

In-game transactions can be made while playing Minecraft. Use the Family Settings to manage your child's spending.

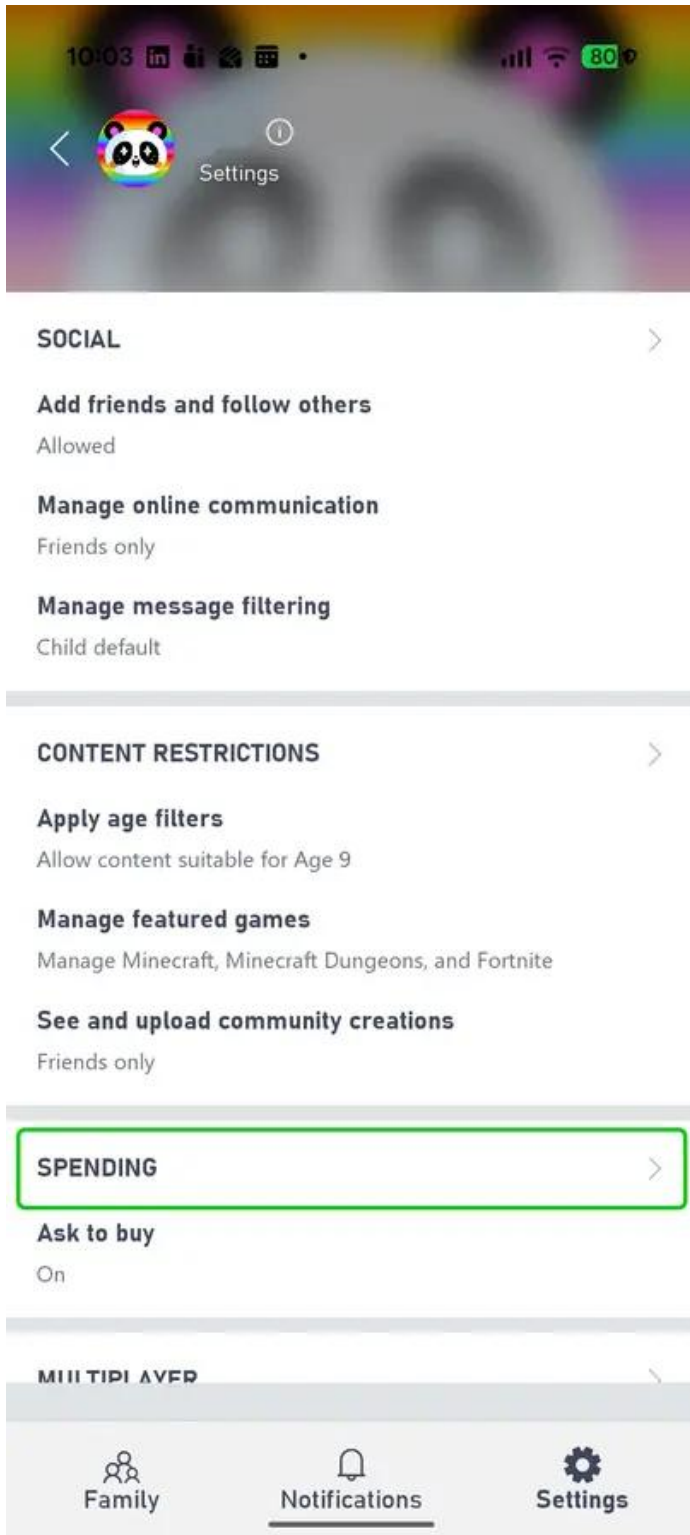
### To manage spending:

**Step 1** – From your child's account settings, select **Spending**.

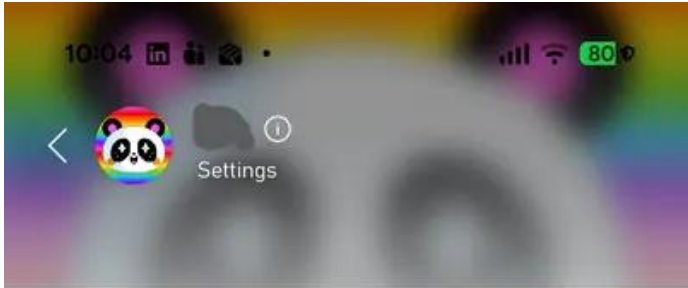
**Step 2** – In the Spending settings you can view your child's spending history and add money to their account balance to allow them to make purchases.

**Step 3** – Enable the **toggle** next to **Ask to buy** to require your approval before your child makes a purchase.

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### ACCOUNT BALANCE ⓘ

If [redacted] has balances in regions other than United Kingdom, they won't appear here. Also, make sure their device is set to the region for the balance they want to use.

No balance

United Kingdom

**ADD MONEY**

### SPENDING

#### Ask to buy ⓘ

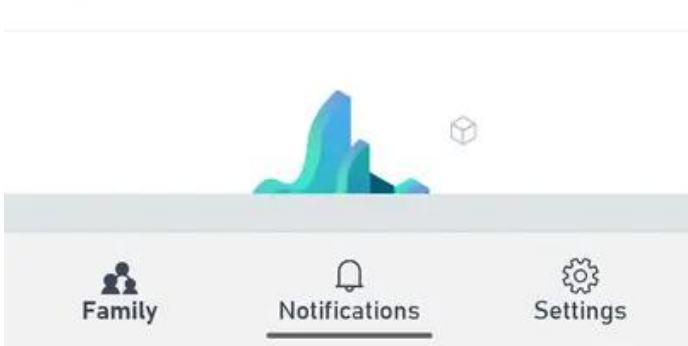
Require your approval before [redacted] buys something, except if they use gift cards or money in their Microsoft account. You'll get a notification when they need to ask for your permission

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[redacted] needs your permission to buy things



### SPENDING HISTORY



## 4 Setting screen time limits

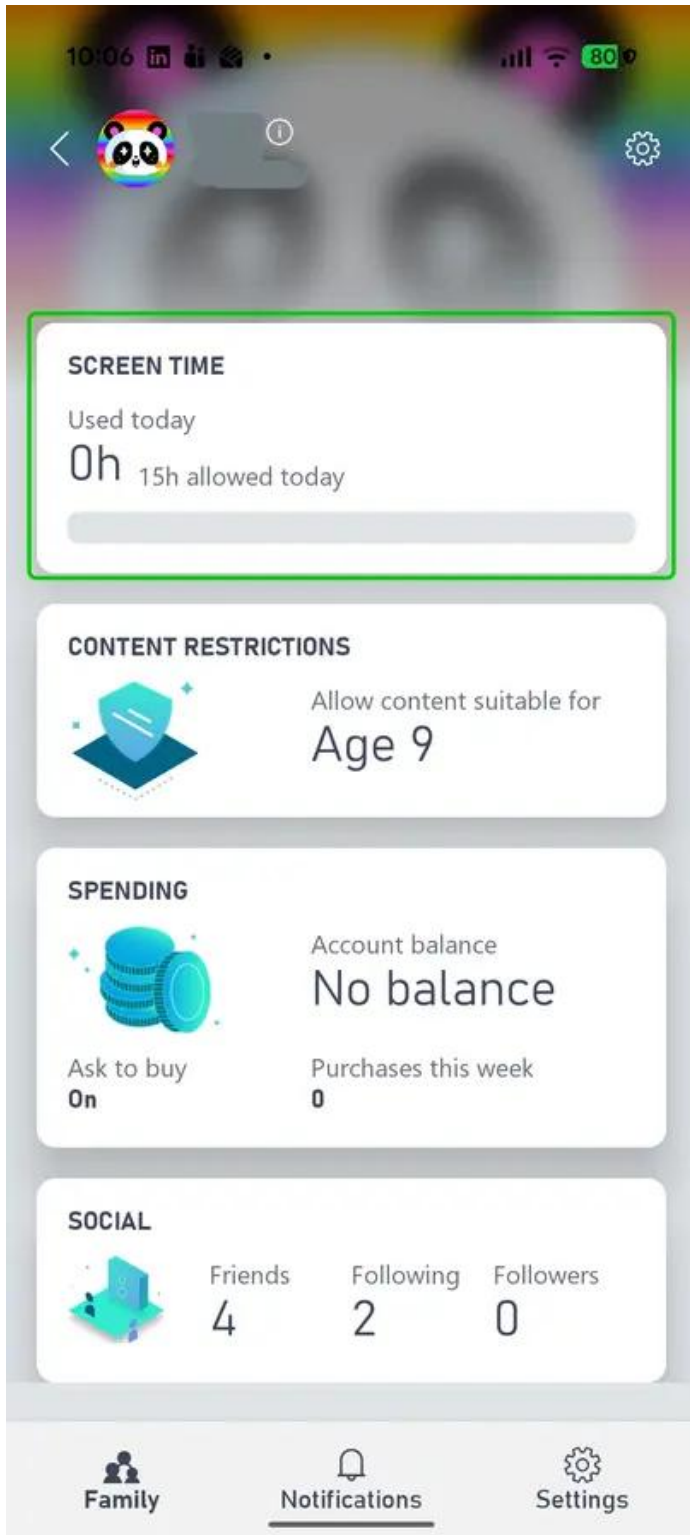
Custom screen time schedules can be set on your child's account, limiting how long your child can play Minecraft and on what days.

### To manage screen time:

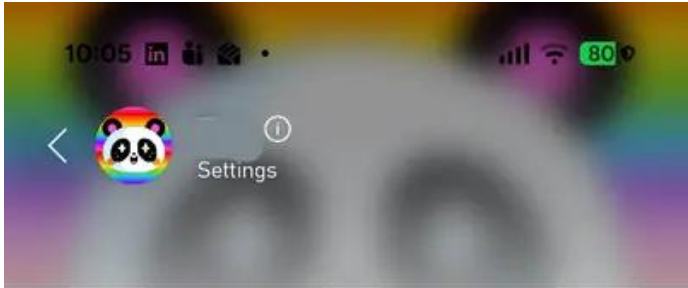
**Step 1** – From your child's profile overview, select **Screen Time**.

**Step 2** – Within Screen Time, you can set custom screen time schedules. You can edit how long your child plays, during which time range, on each day.

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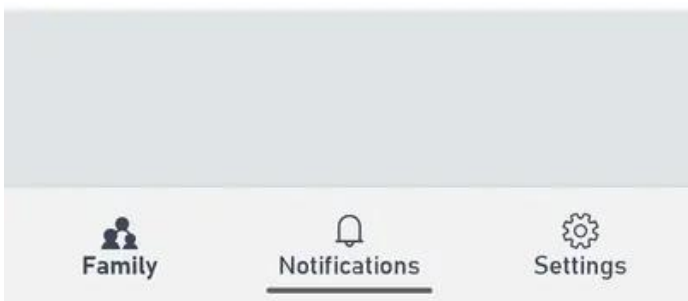
## SCREEN TIME

### Manage screen time

Decide how long and what times of day can play games.

### SCHEDULE

| Day | Time limit | Time range     |   |
|-----|------------|----------------|---|
| Sun | 15h        | 7:00am-10:00pm | > |
| Mon | 15h        | 7:00am-10:00pm | > |
| Tue | 15h        | 7:00am-10:00pm | > |
| Wed | 15h        | 7:00am-10:00pm | > |
| Thu | 15h        | 7:00am-10:00pm | > |
| Fri | 15h        | 7:00am-10:00pm | > |
| Sat | 24h        | Anytime        | > |



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## How to add, mute, block or report players in-game

When in a game and you pause, you can add, mute, or report the player(s).

### To add, mute, block or report someone:

**Step 1** – While playing, access the options menu and select the player you wish to action.

**Step 2** – Choose the relevant action and follow the in-game instructions.

### What happens when you...

**Add a player?:** if you add a user, they will be able to join you when you're playing in Minecraft worlds and will show up in your invite lists.

**Mute a player?:** when you mute someone, you won't see any of their messages in the chat.

**Block a player?:** when you block someone, they can't contact you at all. You also won't see any of their messages or game invites.

**Report a player?:** reported messages are sent to Minecraft. Depending on the report, they can temporarily ban chat features, suspend the user from joining a game or services and more.



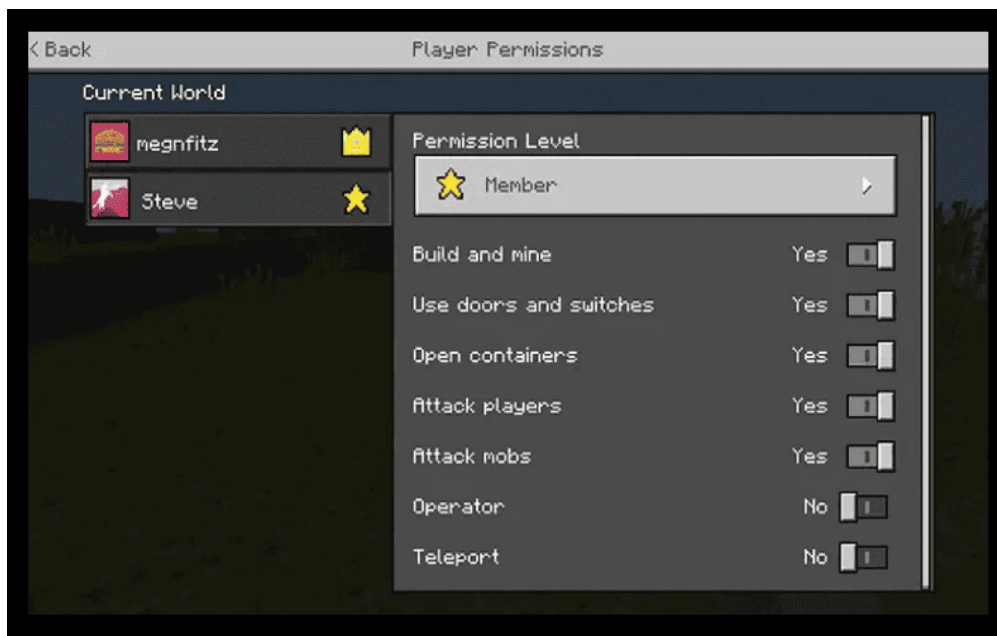
## 6 Where to set player permissions in-game

You can set custom permissions for each player in your world or Realm, or use pre-set permissions levels.

### To set player permissions in-game:

**Step 1** – While playing, pause the game and click on the player's username.

**Step 2** – Customise the permissions. You can limit the actions they can take like attacking others.



## 7 How to access family-friendly servers

You can access family-friendly servers with the help of volunteers who monitor the Minecraft world for any inappropriate language, inappropriate content and bullying. Websites like [leahnieman.com](http://leahnieman.com) maintain private servers that are family-friendly.

### To access family-friendly servers:

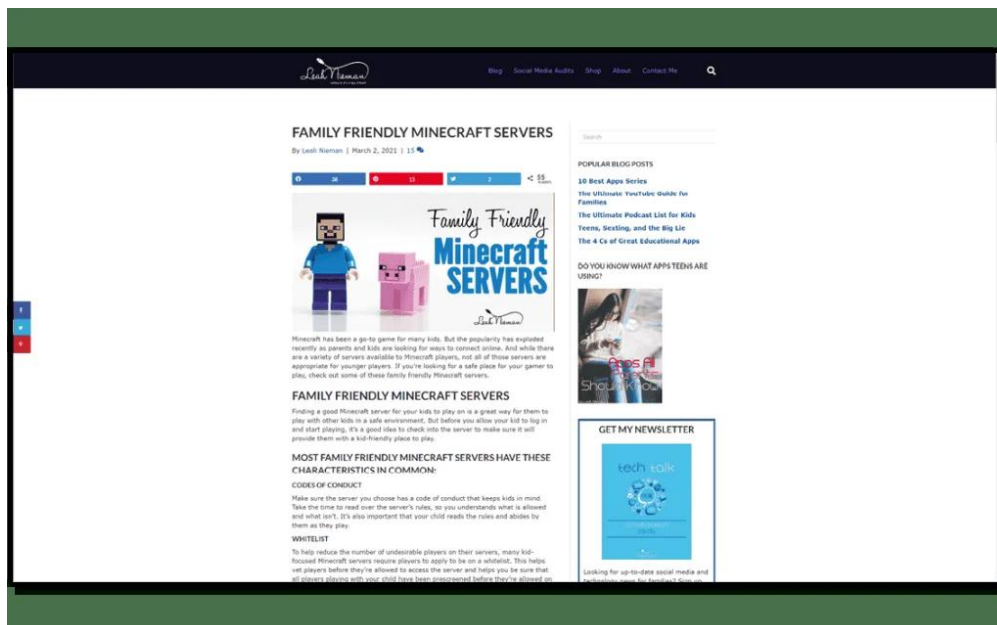
**Step 1** – From the above website or ones like it, find the server address for the one

you would like to access. One example is Towncraft's address, which is play.towncraft.us. Make note of the address you choose.

**Step 2** – In Minecraft, from the main menu, select Multiplayer, read the message and Proceed.

**Step 3** – The next screen will show all the servers your child has joined. You can delete any that are inappropriate and add new ones that you approve. Select Add Server.

**Step 4** – Enter the Server Address in the bottom field and select Done. Select the new server and then choose Join Server. Your child can start playing within the server you've added.







## 8 Customise or turn off in-game chat

Minecraft parental controls aren't just about limitations; the game also has settings to help make the chat more accessible for your child.

For younger children you may want to turn chat off, while older children might benefit from customised settings like a solid background behind the text.

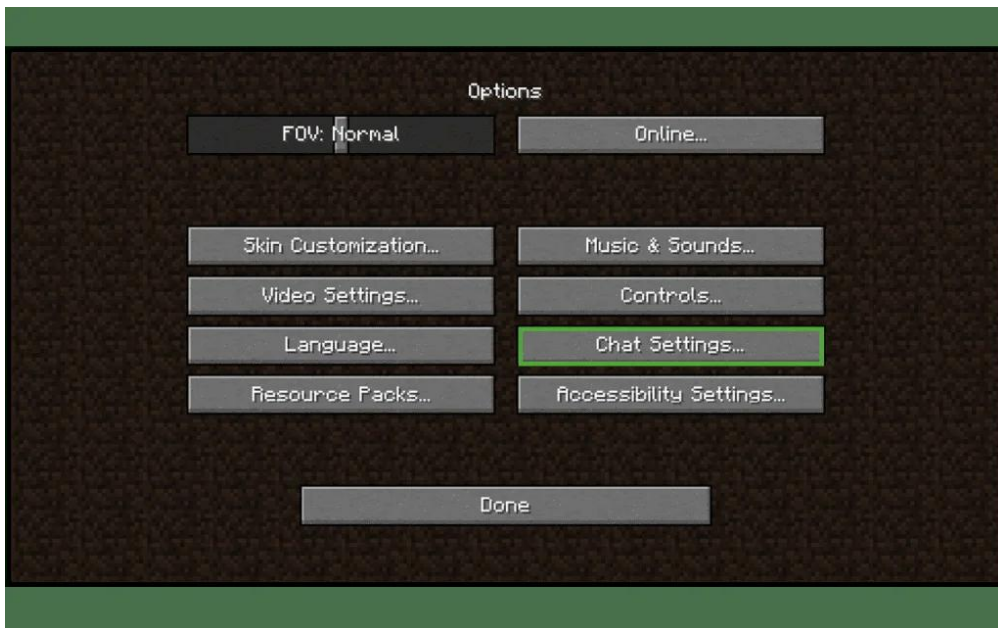
### To customise in-game chat settings:

**Step 1** – From Minecraft's main menu, select Options... and then Chat Settings...

**Step 2** – Switch Chat to Commands Only or Hidden to protect your child from unexpected language or from oversharing.

**Step 3** – Set Web Links and Prompt on Links to Off. This will mean they can't receive links in-chat that could lead to scams like phishing.

**Step 4** – Customise appearance of the text, colours and more to help support your child's needs.





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## How to set up realms for your child and their friends

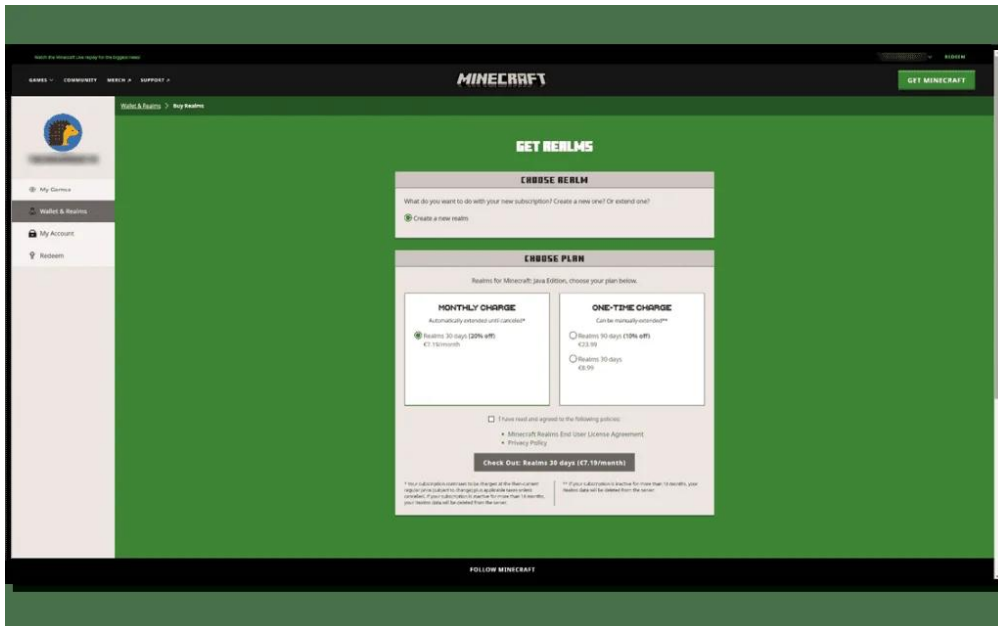
If you want to manage who can play on a server, Minecraft realms is a safe way to do this. You can set up realms for your child and up to 10 of their friends. However, you will need to purchase this.

### To set up a realm:

**Step 1** – From Minecraft's main menu, select Minecraft Realms. Then, select Buy a realm!

**Step 2** – In your device account, you will see the purchase options for the realm. You can choose a one-off purchase or a subscription. You may want to work with the parents of your child's friends to spread the cost among each other for a collaborative way to keep your children safe on Minecraft.





## 10 Minecraft on YouTube

The Minecraft community is extremely active outside of the game. For instance, many players use YouTube to discuss their projects. It is worthwhile to add parental controls to your YouTube account if your child is a fan of Minecraft. See our [YouTube parental controls guide](#) to help.

