Google Family Link

Controls & Settings guide

Google Family Link app helps manage a child device user by allowing parents to set digital rules. You can manage app access, set screen time and device bedtime remotely to help them build good online safety habits.
What do I need?
A Google account (username and password)

Restrictions you can apply
- Apps Access
- Browser Access
- Downloading file sharing
- Mobile devices
- Purchasing
- Timer

Step by Step instructions

1. Before downloading the app, check that your device and your child’s device is compatible with the app. Check your phone is running one of the following version of Android: Nougat 7.0+ or Marshmallow 6.0+.

2. To check on your device, open the settings app on our device, scroll to the bottom and tap ‘About phone’ or ‘About tablet’ to see your version number.
2. Download Google Family Link app.

3. Once you have downloaded the app it will take up to 30 mins to get it set up on your devices. The first step will take 3 mins and will involve providing your Gmail details and confirming that you have all you need to set up the app.
4. The second step will be to set up your child’s Google account to activate the app. It may take 10 mins and you will need a debit or credit card to confirm your parental consent.

5. Creating Child account: Enter your child’s name, their date of birth and gender.

Start by entering your kid’s full name

Child’s first name

Child’s last name

More about Celine

This helps Google to personalise Celine’s experience

Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Gender


Create their email address and password.

Give Celine a username to access Google services

Username: @gmail.com
Only use A-Z, 0-9 and -

Create a password

This password is just for Celine’s Google account. You’ll need it in just a minute.

Password

Password strength:
Use at least 8 characters. Don’t use a password from another site or something too obvious like your pet’s name. Why?

Confirm your parental consent.

Parental consent

Google needs your consent each time you create a Google account for a child under 13. Learn more

To do this, Google will charge your credit card a small amount (£0.01). This helps verify that you’re a parent.

Your child won’t have access to your credit card without your approval.

There are no recurring fees.

I agree to let Google create a Google Account for my child and process their information as described above, and further detailed in the Privacy Notice for Google Accounts Managed with Family Link and the Google Privacy Policy. I am authorised to provide this consent.

I understand that my child’s Google account is like my own and will provide access to services
The next and final step is to connect your child’s device to the Family Link app. This step can take up to 15 - 20 minutes.

If your child’s device is compatible you should not run into any issue, but be sure to check before beginning. If it's a shared device, you will either have to create a new user or delete existing users on the device to set up the app.

Connect your child’s device to Family Link

Now it's time to set up an Android phone or tablet for Celine

- Make sure your child device works with Family Link Learn more
- Follow along on this phone for extra help
- This may take 15-20 minutes

Go and get Celine’s device

Put your devices side by side

Sign in as Celine

- Make sure that you use evalenmourad@gmail.com, Forgotten password?
- For security, Google also asks parents to enter their password

Log in with your child’s email and password. Select your account to set Parent permission.
Download the Family Link app to your child’s device.

Name your child’s device and review the apps that your child will have access to on the device.
Once you have completed this, you will now be able to customise your child’s settings through the app on your phone.

Open the app on your phone and tap on the name of your child at the bottom of the screen.
14 Tap on 'choose settings' to set controls and filters across apps on your child's devices.

15 Tap 'set up' under 'Location' to 'Turn on' to see your child's location.
16 Tap ‘set up’ under ‘App Activity’ to monitor which app your child uses and for how long.

17 Tap ‘Edit limits’ to set a daily Limit for your child’s device.
Tap ‘Edit schedule’ to set a bedtime when your child’s device shuts down.