

Newton Hill Community School - E-Safeguarding Newsletter -

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November

Anti Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Early Years

Is your child online? It's important that devices are set up with age-appropriate parental controls and access is restricted to appropriate apps/content. **We would advise that children only access devices when you are with them.** Sometimes, regardless of what controls we have in place, children may accidentally view inappropriate content so it's important we are around to help them if they do.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has published a short booklet including advice and guidance on how to navigate the online world with your child. This is aimed at parents/carers with children under the age of 5:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/children-under-5/online-safety-for-under-5s-booklet>



Roblox - updated PEGI rating

PEGI have announced a change to the age rating for Roblox. PEGI used to rate Roblox as 7+, however because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox, PEGI have changed the rating to a Parental Guidance label. You can read more about this change here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-changes-rating-advice-roblox>

What is Roblox?

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it 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 - NEW

Roblox has introduced Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age set. Please note that experiences above the age restriction set may be seen in search results. Age categories available are 9+, 13+ and all ages. You can find out how to set up Allowed Experiences here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/8863284850196-Allowed-Experiences-Controls>

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.

What should I do?

- Play the game with your child.
- Explore the parental controls within Roblox and set as appropriate.
- Show your child how to use the Report Abuse system within Roblox to report inappropriate content and how to block other users.

Further information:

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>