

Permission to download checklist

Considerations when deciding which apps, games and programs your children can have and use.

Many of the below checks can be found in the Terms and Conditions however do not openly accept all that is provided by the company or that every aspect you want to know as a parent is covered. Again, talk to others and do our own research online.

Remember – It is better to say no than to try to take it away later.

When making your decisions, consider the following;

- Age Restrictions and/or suitability
 - According to the terms and conditions and
 - After you have watched a demo.
- The spirit or object
 - What is the imagery used?
 - How does the nature of the product sit with your family values?
- Does it require my child to develop a profile?
 - Is it a fictitious avatar or a real profile that requires names, date of birth or anything similar?
- The ability to connect and/or communicate with others
 - Is it moderated (can you go to someone to have comments removed or a member removed? Are there rules within the program/app that are upheld by someone?)
 - Is it group chat or one on one?
 - Do you have to 'accept' someone to chat with them? That is, can you limit who they chat with?
- What personal information is required?
 - Name, date of birth, location, credit card details.
- The cost
 - *To purchase or play*
 - *Are there any in-game costs that are one off or ongoing*
- Violence levels
 - Terms and conditions and ratings.
 - Look at the imagery and the nature of the game/app.
- Is the internet required or can it be played locally on the device
 - Download to local device stops strangers entering your home.



- Download to device will impact your download costs and their storage on devices.
- Does it contain privacy settings
 - Can you install privacy/parent controls with the program/app/game?
- Can issues or problems be reported to the provider?
 - Is information provided about who to go to with complaints, concerns, or questions? If not, you can be pretty sure there is no-one monitoring or moderating the product. HIGH RISK.
- Are there any contracts?
 - How easy is it to cancel or delete account/game/program
- What functionality on my device does this game/program request access?
 - My photos, videos, contact list, GPS, information about the device etc

For more detailed information about particular social media products, you can refer to [Internet Safe Education](#) or the [eSafety Guide](#).