

IPAD FAMILIES GUIDE

Getting Ready for Learning

iPad offers children fun and exciting ways to interact, learn and create. You know your child best, so we've created a list of features to help your family stay safe and productive with iPad.



Tap on the family features below to find out more

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Digital Safety

You can know, and feel good about what your kids are doing by setting up built-in parental controls.



With Parental Controls you can:

- Decide who can talk to your child with Communication Limits
- Protect them from what they see and send with Communication Safety
- Select apps to allow at all times with Always Allow
- Keep app and website content age appropriate with Content Restrictions

1 Set up Parental Controls on your child's device

1. On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
2. Tap Lock Screen Time Settings
3. Set up a passcode to Lock Screen Time Settings so your child can't change them (do not share the passcode with your child)
4. Set-up Communication and Content Restrictions

 ***Read the Apple Article, Use Parental Controls on your child's device***

2 Decide who can talk to your child

Communication Limits lets you choose who your child can communicate with throughout the day and during downtime.

 ***Follow the steps to choose contacts to allow and limit***

3 Protect kids from what they see and send

If your child receives or sends photos or videos that might contain nudity, Communication safety warns them, gives them options to stay safe and provides helpful resources.

1. On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
2. Tap Communication Safety
3. Turn on Communication Safety

4 Select apps and features to allow or turn off

You can turn apps or features such as FaceTime or News off, removing them from the Home Screen.

 ***Learn more about setting up Allowed Apps & Features***

5 Choose what they view and prevent explicit content

With Content Restrictions, you can customise age settings for websites, music, news, games and more. Select an age range or rating, or restrict websites and apps altogether.

 ***Follow the steps to set up Content Restrictions***

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Support and Focus

Screen Time makes it easy to see what your child is doing and guide them towards healthy screen habits.



With Screen Time you can:

- Keep track of how your child is using the device with Screen Time data
- Set time limits for categories of apps, or individual websites and apps with App Limits
- Use Downtime to schedule time away from screens
- Customise how the device is use

6 Keep track of your child's iPad habits



1. On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
2. A Daily Average of device usage is displayed
3. Tap See All App & Website Activity, to see device usage for today or the week
4. Scroll to see the Most Used apps and websites
5. Scroll further to see how many Pick-Ups of the iPad occur throughout a day (and when)



Read the Apple Support Article, Use Screen Time on your device

7 Schedule time away from screens



With Downtime you can set a specific time away from screens, like dinnertime or bedtime. You can also choose which apps are accessible or off limits

1. On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
2. Tap Downtime then Scheduled
3. Choose Everyday or Customise Days
4. Select when your child will have restricted access to apps and features

8 Set daily time limits on apps



Set time limits for categories of apps, like gaming, or individual websites and apps.

Note: Avoid limiting apps or websites needed for school.



Follow the steps to Add Limits on apps and websites

9 Protect your child's hearing



By turning on Reduce Loud Audio, the device will automatically reduce loud sounds to a safe decibel level.



Learn more about restricting Allowed Apps & Features

10 Minimise distractions at school or home



Help your child concentrate on learning at school by minimising distractions with a customised Focus.



Follow the steps to create a custom Focus



Manage from your iPhone

If you're a parent or guardian with an Apple device, you can manage your child's iPad from your own device.



With Family Sharing you can:

- Approve what kids buy or download with Ask to Buy
- Share locations and find devices with the Find My app
- Set up a child's device with your preferred Parental Controls
- Share Apple subscriptions and purchases

11 Manage your child's device



1. Go to Settings, tap your Name
2. Tap Family, then tap Set Up Your Family
3. If your child doesn't have an Apple Account, tap Create Child Account. But if your child already has an Apple Account, tap Invite Others and follow the prompts
4. On your child's device, accept the invitation

 **Watch the Apple Support YouTube, Setting up Family Sharing**



12 Approve what your child buys with Ask to Buy



When your child wants to download an app or make a purchase, they send a request through Ask to Buy and you can approve or decline it from your device.



Follow the steps to set up Ask to Buy

13 Check your child is in a safe place and find lost devices



Sharing locations with your family enables you to see your child's device location in Find My. After sharing your locations, family members can help locate a missing device.



Follow the steps to set up location sharing in the Find My app

14 Get notified when your child arrives



You can get automatic notifications when a family member arrives at or leaves a particular place (like school or home).



Follow the steps to set up notifications in the Find My app

15 Share purchases and subscriptions



With Family Sharing, purchased apps, media, books and subscriptions can be shared with your child at no extra cost. No need to buy an app multiple times for each child.



Learn how to turn on purchase sharing using your iPhone or iPad



More Resources for Families

Apple products are designed to support every stage of family life, with built-in tools that prioritise privacy, safety, and wellbeing. Here are a few more resources to help you confidently guide your child.



Check out the Apple webpage, 'Families' to discover features to help make sure kids use Apple technology in the ways you want.



Explain Family Sharing to your kids with the Apple support article, 'Family Sharing overview for kids and teens.'



Watch a 'Quick guide to Apple Family Features'



Find advice and resources for parents and children at the eSafety Commissioner website.



Get started with the App Store by reading the story, 'About apps and games for your kids,' and check out the app collections for kids.

Helping Protect Kids Online

Read how Apple is helping to keep kids safe online and protect their privacy.



This resource was created by Chantelle Sansness, a parent of 3 iPad Savvy teens, teacher for 20+ years and Apple Professional Learning Specialist. Want to find out how an Apple Professional Learning Specialist can support your school or education system?



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