



CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store. CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of? The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes. - CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics. – useful guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/adv-ice/apps-and-platforms/skillsbuilding/capcut/>

New Technology for Christmas

As some children may be receiving new technology or related games at Christmas, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls. Games/Consoles - Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements. If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child. - On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Follow the links below to find out how to set up

Parental Controls for popular devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>



PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parentalcontrols-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/NintendoSwitch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-2-Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls-2873385.html>

Tablets/Smart phones Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings.

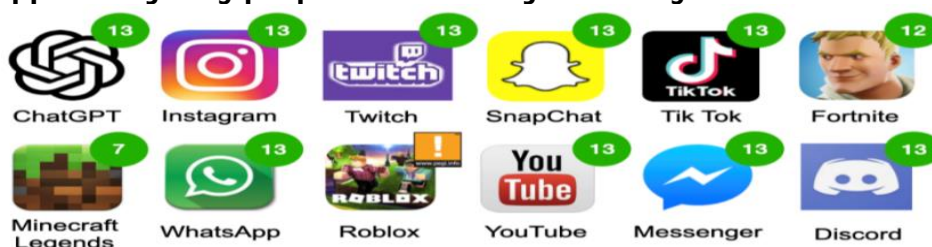
Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

App age ratings



Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media— make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. **Popular apps and their age ratings. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.**



Focus on – Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do? - Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it. - If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying. Further information Find out more here: <https://www.bark.us/blog/onlineroasting-signs-cyberbullying>

Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus!



The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-forfamilies/techosaurus/>

Nintendo Switch 2

Nintendo Switch 2 The Nintendo Switch 2 was released last month and has a new communication feature that you should be aware of. GameChat – NEW GameChat is included within a Nintendo Switch Online membership and allows up to 12 people to chat while playing games. Players can share their screen, even if they are playing different games, chat with the built-in microphone and as the Nintendo Switch 2 allows cameras to be connected (sold separately), even video chat. If your child is using this feature, then ensure they know how to report other users.



You can find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/engb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-2/GameChat/Nintendo-Switch-2-GameChat2785625.html>

Parental Controls There is a free Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app that can be linked with your Nintendo Switch to monitor what your child is playing. The app creates a report so you can see which video games your child is playing and for how long. It also allows you to set which games your child can play, based on the PEGI age rating and restricts your child from sending or receiving messages from other users. GameChat settings can also be adjusted. Children under the age of 15 can only use GameChat if allowed by you through the app. They can then only use GameChat with people that you approve.

Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/engb/Support/Nintendo-Switch-2/How-to-Set-Up-Adjust-or-Remove-ParentalControls-on-Nintendo-Switch-2-2843839.html>

