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Dear Parents,

Whilst video games, social media and the internet continue to become ever more popular amongst children (and adults), it is important that we take certain precautions when allowing our children access.

A recent study conducted by Ofcom in 2020, found that 97% of children aged between 5-15 had access to the internet. A survey taken from YouGov in 2020, showed that by the age of 6, 85% of children had access to a tablet at home, with 40% having one of their own.

Whilst playing online, communicating with others and researching online is great for a child's development, it can also leave them exposed to online threats and content which is not appropriate. Parental controls and Privacy settings are just one of the ways in which you can monitor/control what content your children access online. Below is a list of links which guide you through how to set Parental Controls and Privacy settings on games consoles.

I hope you find these useful.

Regards,
Mr Dootson

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PlayStation, Switch and Xbox Privacy settings:

<https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/guides/how-to-manage-playstation-switch-xbox-privacy-settings/>

Playstation 5 – Settings parental controls:

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

PlayStation 4 – Setting parental controls:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-us/support/account/ps4-parental-controls-and-spending-limits/#:~:text=On%20your%20PS4%20console%2C%20go,select%20a%20feature%20to%20adjust.>

PlayStation Network – Setting parental controls:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/playstation-network/>

Xbox One X/S – Setting parental controls:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/xbox-one-and-xbox-one-s-guide/>