

Does your Child play MineCraft?

There is a new government funded website for our parents www.parentinfo.org/

They have very useful information for parents covering all kinds of topics. One very interesting topic is regarding the game Minecraft. Please read below the following information taken from their site written by Marie Cooney

Like lots of popular sites, apps and games, Minecraft's terms and conditions specify that it is for over 13s. This is because of US privacy legislation, which requires parents of under-13s to sign permission before any data about their children can be collected. In the UK, if children under the age of 13 play Minecraft, it is a violation of the site's terms and conditions but it is not illegal.

As with any online activity, there are some safety concerns to keep in mind. If you have a young child who plays Minecraft, you might want to:

- Set the account up through your own email address and know their passwords – at primary age, this is not an unreasonable thing to ask.
- Discuss which settings you are going to apply prior to their joining the site – will you allow multiplayer, for instance? Check who they want to be their Multi player.
- Speak to your child about unwanted contact and what to do if someone is being nasty or inappropriate to them in the game. Ask that they come to you if anything goes wrong, so you can make it stop.

Please be aware

Minecraft videos are popular with children and plenty of them are age-appropriate. But some of the videos include commentary with profanity or sexual references, and some discuss and encourage bullying. So if your child is planning to watch Minecraft YouTube videos, you may want to have a look at them first.

More guidance on E Safety can be found in the E-Safety section of our website.

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