



Roblox - a guide for parents

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a gaming platform where multiple players interact and play together online. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds, however players of all ages can use the site. Roblox is currently available on PC, phone, tablet and Xbox One.

Every game on Roblox is created by users, and there are a wide variety to choose from. These can vary from delivering pizzas, to roaming a kingdom as a medieval knight, to even starring in a fashion show. This variety is one of the reasons that Roblox is so popular with young people.

Key things for parents to be aware of

1. Communication: how users can communicate with others

Whilst the games are aimed at 8-18 year olds, there are no age restrictions. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other on the platform.

All games are multiplayer and include a written chat feature, which is visible to players within each individual game. Users can also make and receive friend requests during gameplay and this means that they can chat to each other outside of the game. You can read more about the Roblox chat features and the way that these are moderated on the Roblox community guidelines and within their safety features.

2. Content: what content is available that might not be suitable for children

The Roblox Studio is a section where players use their imagination and skills to create their own games and share these with others. The ability to create and play games can be very appealing to young people who like to create the content they see online.

However, because content is user-generated it can mean that some games might not be appropriate for young children. For example, whilst the graphics are not very life like, some of the games feature weapons and blood.

3. Costs: How children might accidentally run up costs

By creating games, users can earn Robux, the in-game currency. You can also buy Robux in the game. Players can spend money on items, such as membership to the Builders Club. .

If game creators attract players and in-game adverts, they can earn a lot of Robux, which they can convert into real money. To do this, players must be over the age of 13, have paid for Roblox's premium subscription, and have access to a Paypal account. This means that younger players would need to talk to an adult to be able to exchange their Robux for real money.

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anyone aware of this app? ROBLOX.

Dear Parents

The teachers spoke to the children yesterday regarding this app. Most of the children had either played it or were aware of it.

PLEASE SEE MESSAGE BELOW FROM KENT POLICE.

Warning : We are putting out this post following our visit to a school yesterday. As most people know we are concerned about the popular app ROBLOX which is by far the most popular game played by children from 5 to 10 years of age.

We were talking to a very large group of year 1 students and we were shocked when over half of them said they were playing ROBLOX. When we spoke to Year 2 at least 70 percent of them were playing the game.

Most of these children then disclosed that they had online friends in ROBLOX that their parents didn't know about. It got worse when many of the children stated they had received many in game messages from 'strangers' and that they hadn't told their parents. All of the children then stated that they had seen 'naked' characters walking around the game and that the characters were doing very adult things.

The inappropriate content has been disclosed to us thousands of times by young children but we were previously unaware that the children were being sent numerous messages. When talking to Year 3 students they suggested that a lot of the messages are inappropriate. In all cases the children aren't telling their parents.

Most of the young children we spoke to yesterday appear to have been talking to strangers in the game by using a headset to speak. The headset is usually just a normal set of ear pods that you would get bundled with an Apple device as opposed to a specific gaming accessory.

We would advise every parent to check their child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. Many of the children we spoke to yesterday said their accounts were 'maxed out' meaning they have 200 online friends.

We would also ask parents to check the child's in game message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

PLEASE CAN EVERYONE SHARE THIS POST SO THAT PARENTS KNOW TO CHECK THEIR CHILDS ACCOUNT

Best Wishes