



How To Set Parental Controls on Android Phones



You can set parental controls either using the Google Play Store on the child's phone directly, or by downloading the Family Link app onto your own phone and managing the parental controls remotely. You can find the Family Link app the Google Play store.

Set up parental controls and set age ratings

- Open the Google Play Store app on your child's phone.
- Tap the 3-lines button in the top left > Settings > Family > Parental controls
- Toggle Parental controls to on
- Create a PIN. **Make sure it is a PIN your child doesn't already know**

Restrict Purchases

- Open the Google Play Store and tap the icon in the top right
- Select Settings > Authentication > Require authentication for purchases > For all purchases through Google Play on this device

Manage Screen Time

This can be done in the Family Link app. Remember that on the Family Link app you can have different limits for each of your children. First select your child, then:

- To **set a daily limit** on a device, by clicking on 'Daily limit', tap 'Set up' or 'Edit limits'.
- To **set time limits** for specific apps, by clicking on 'App activity'
 - Tap 'Set limits'. Next to app you want to limit, tap the sand timer
 - Set limit (an icon with the top half of the sand time filled in)
 - Set a daily time limit for the app. Tap 'Set'
- To **set a bedtime**, by clicking on 'Bedtime' then tap 'Edit schedule'.

Make sure you know the PIN to unlock your child's phone, so you can regularly check they are safe online