

Host an online games night



Whether it's Fortnite or FIFA, talking to your child about what they're doing online is an important tool in helping to keep them safe. Having an activity to do together can be a good way to get it started!

Hosting an online games night with your child is a great way to get to know their favourite game and talk about ways you support them online. Use our **GAME** acronym to help get you started:

Find a time



Choose a game

Get chatting



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Get to know the platform by challenging your child to a game on their favourite platform. Create your own account and explore the game yourself. This will help you understand the different tools and settings available and what your child sees and experiences.

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Ask open questions to give your child an opportunity to talk about why they enjoy gaming and show you what they already know about online safety. Here are some questions you could ask them:

- What's your favourite game to play online?
- If you could change one thing about gaming, what would it be?
- How do you speak to some of your friends online?
- What's your favourite feature?
- Is there anything that's not so great about this game or any other games you play?

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Master the basics together and explore how to report and block other players on the platform, how you can leave a game and ways to safely set up group play. Remind them they can come to you if they see anything that upsets or worries them.

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Explore privacy and safety settings and decide which ones are appropriate to use. You might want to look at the platform or gaming provider's websites for more information on what's available.

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