

Parental controls guide

Windows 10

Parental Controls information

Type of guide

Smartphones and other devices

Features and Benefits

Once you've set up a 'Child Account' on your Windows 10 device you can manage your child's activity on the device and online. You get automated reports and weekly email breakdown of their activity to adjust settings if needed.

What specific content can I restrict?



Apps Access



Browser Access



Innapropriate content

What do I need?

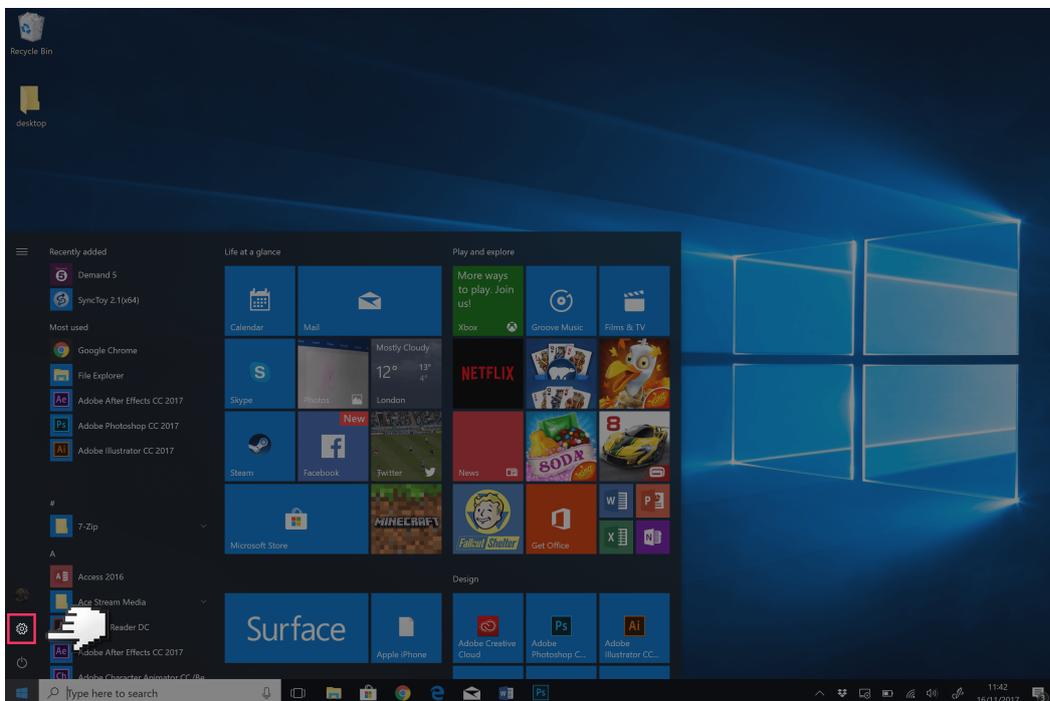
Access to your Windows 10 computer, the administrator account (or an account with admin rights), your mobile phone number, a Microsoft email account for your child and access to it (if your child does not have an account you can create one during the process).

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Log in to the administrator account (or an account with admin rights), from the desktop click on the Windows icon in the bottom left of the screen and then click on the “Settings” cog to open the “Settings” menu.

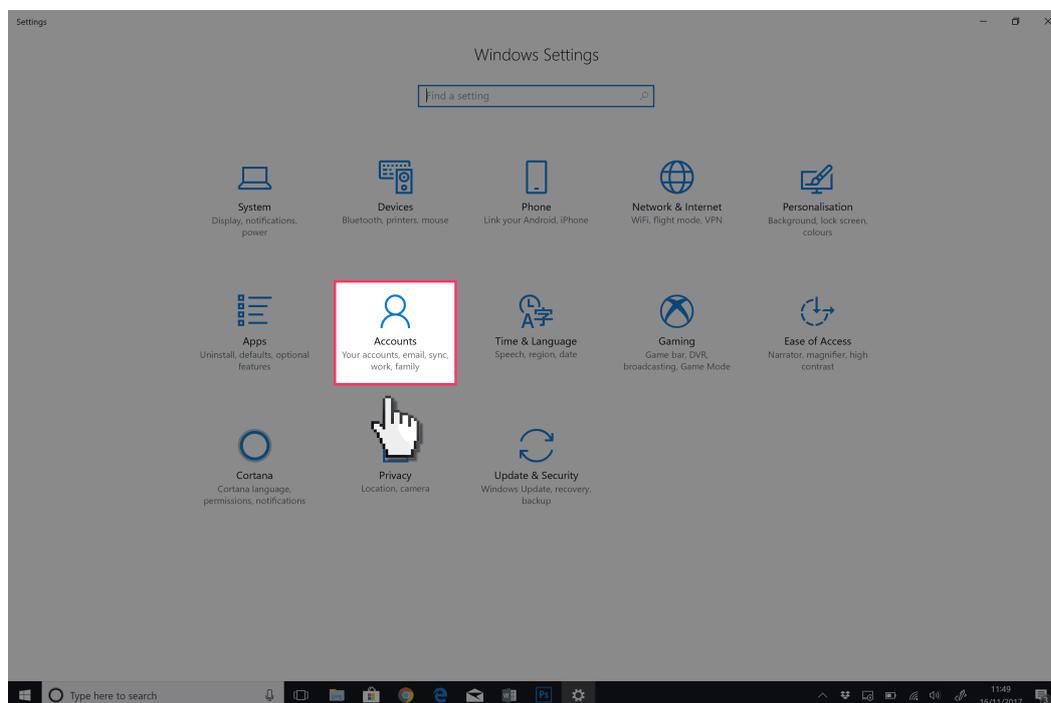


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Click on the “Accounts” section.

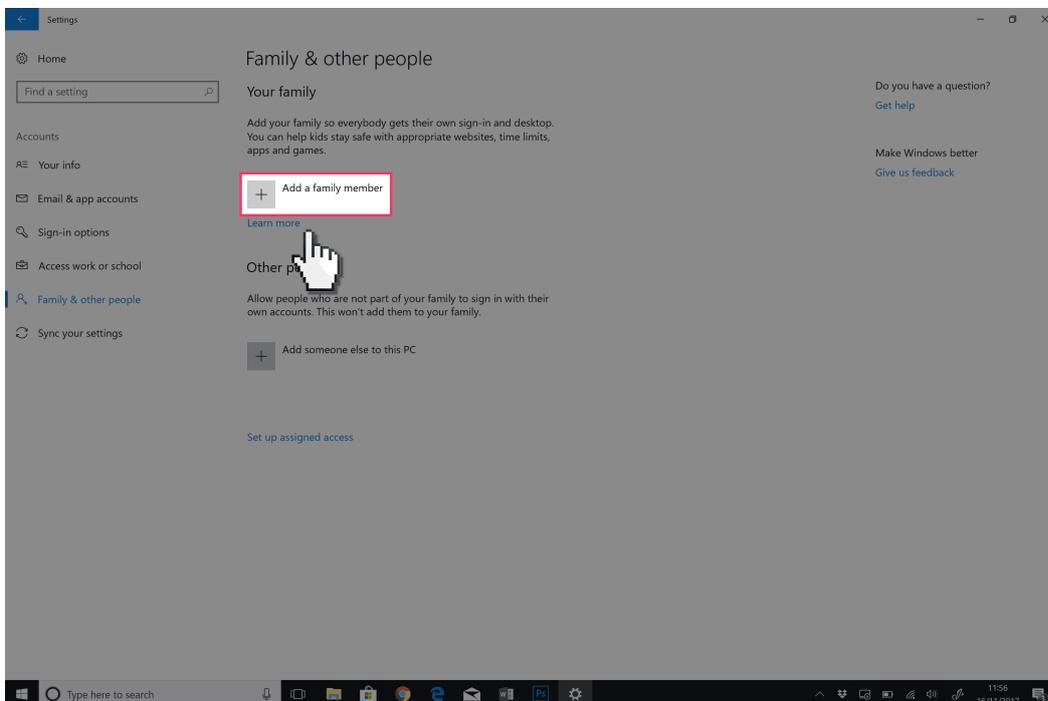


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Click on the “Family & other people” tab and then click on the “Add a family member” link.

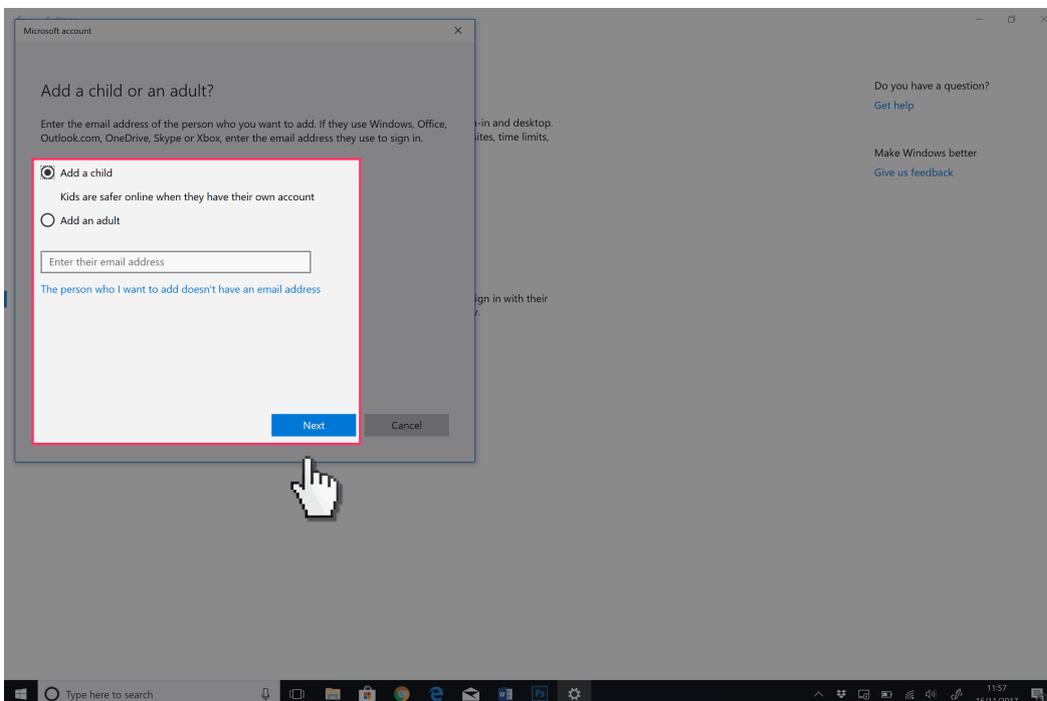


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Select the “Add a child” radio button and then enter your child’s Microsoft email address and click “Next”.

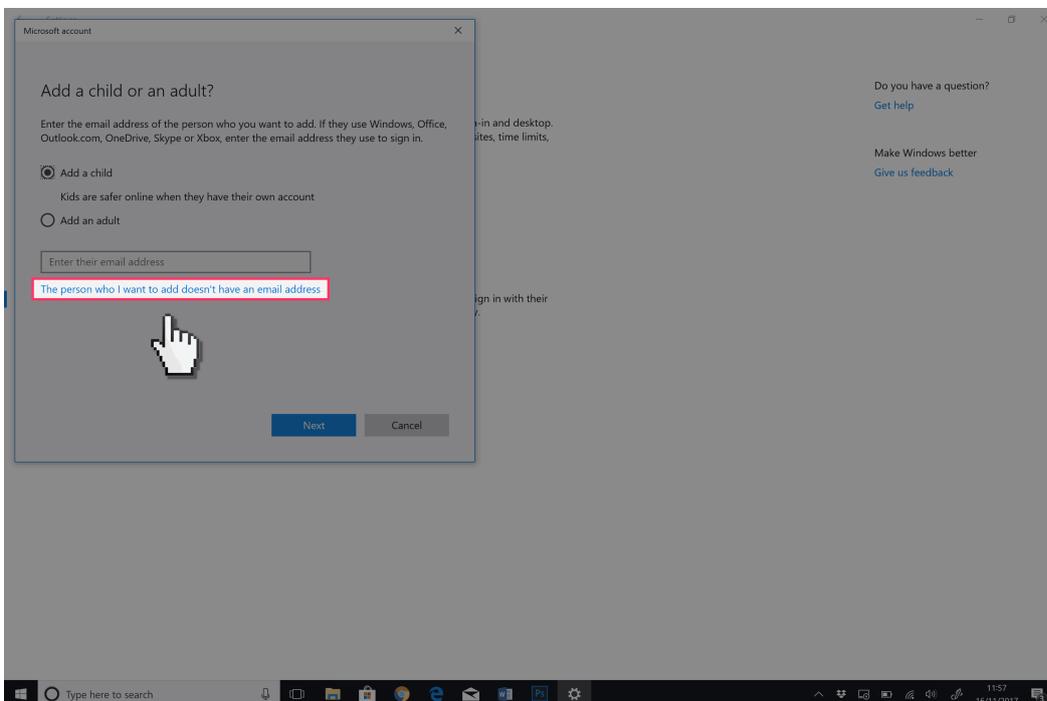


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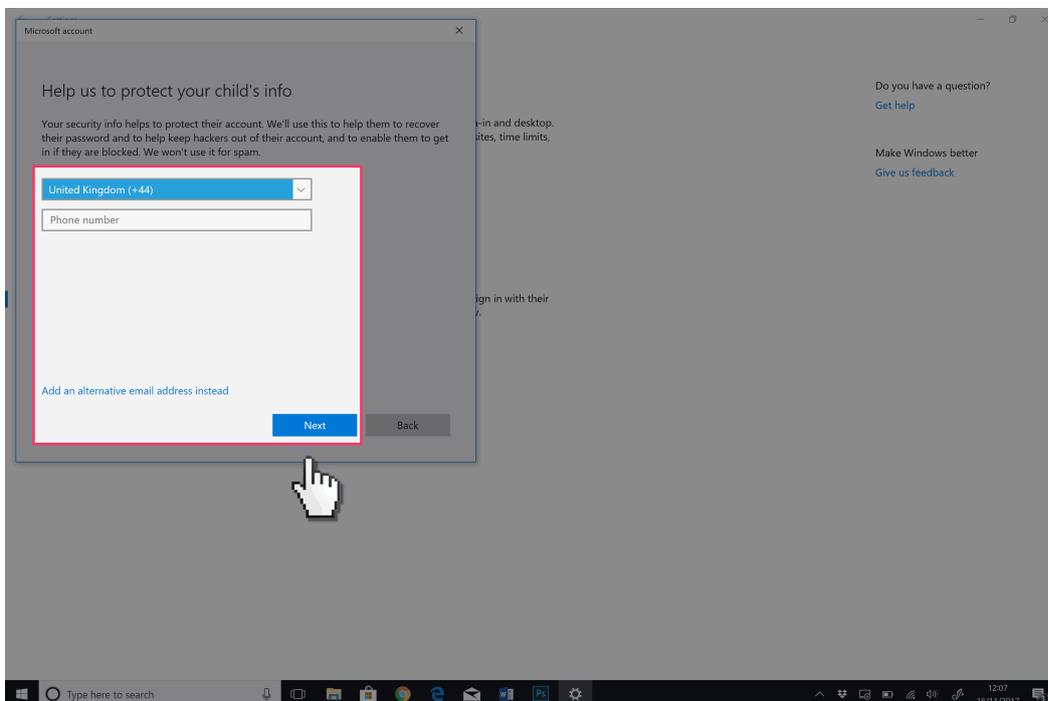


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Enter your mobile phone number and click “Next” then untick both boxes on the next screen and click “Next”.

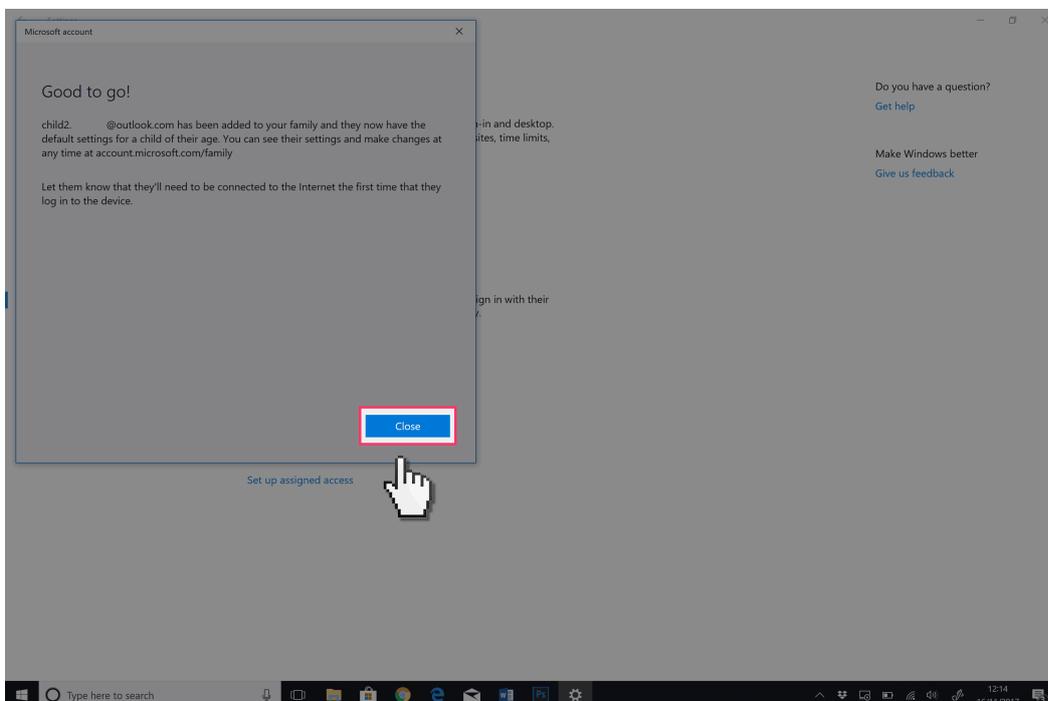


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Read this message and make a note of the “account.microsoft.com/family” web address which you will be using to monitor and alter your child’s account. Click “Close”.

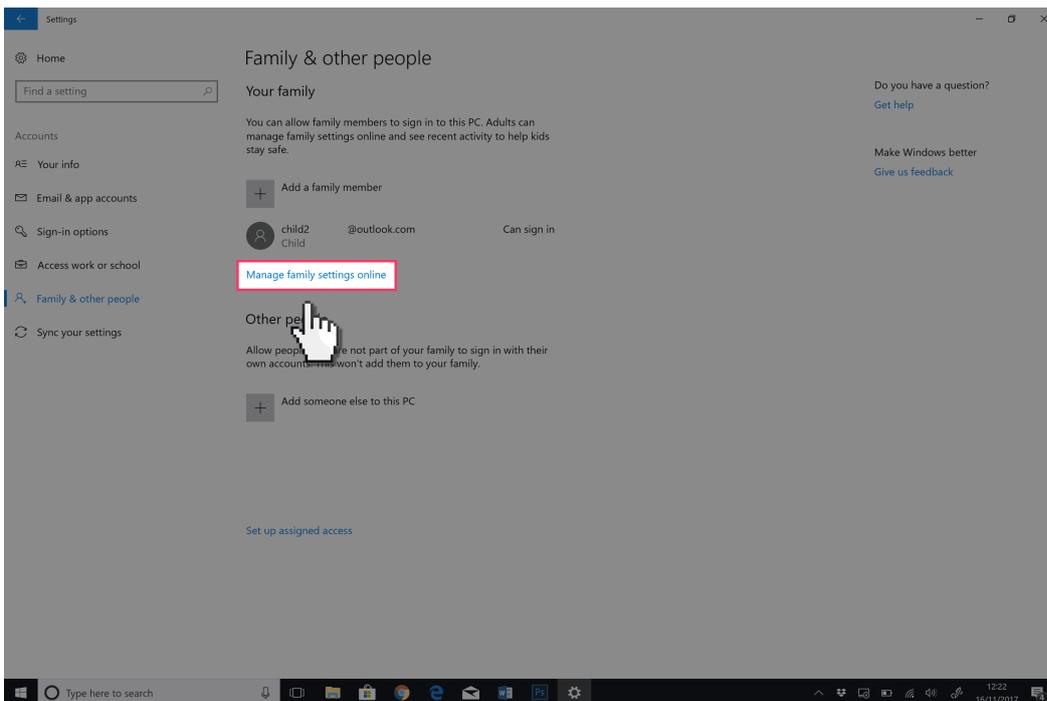


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You will now see the newly created account under “Your family” and they can log into their account on this computer. To ensure your child is protected they must be logged into their account when using the computer. Click on the “Manage family settings online” link.

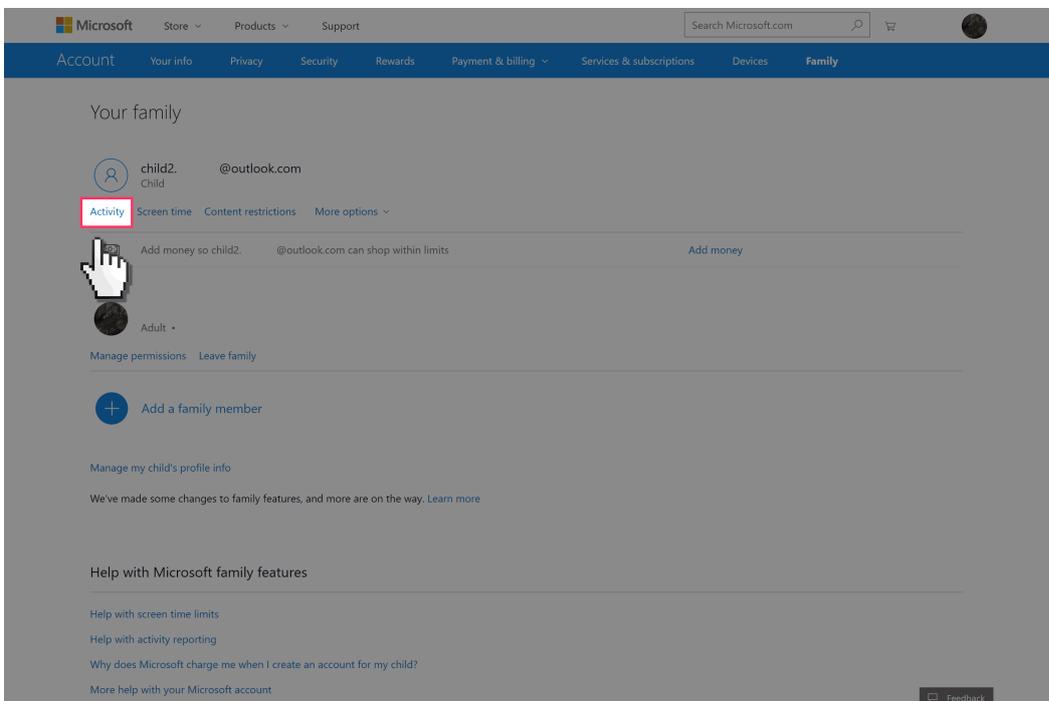


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You will now be on the online platform where you will manage the settings of your child's account. Click on the "Activity" link.

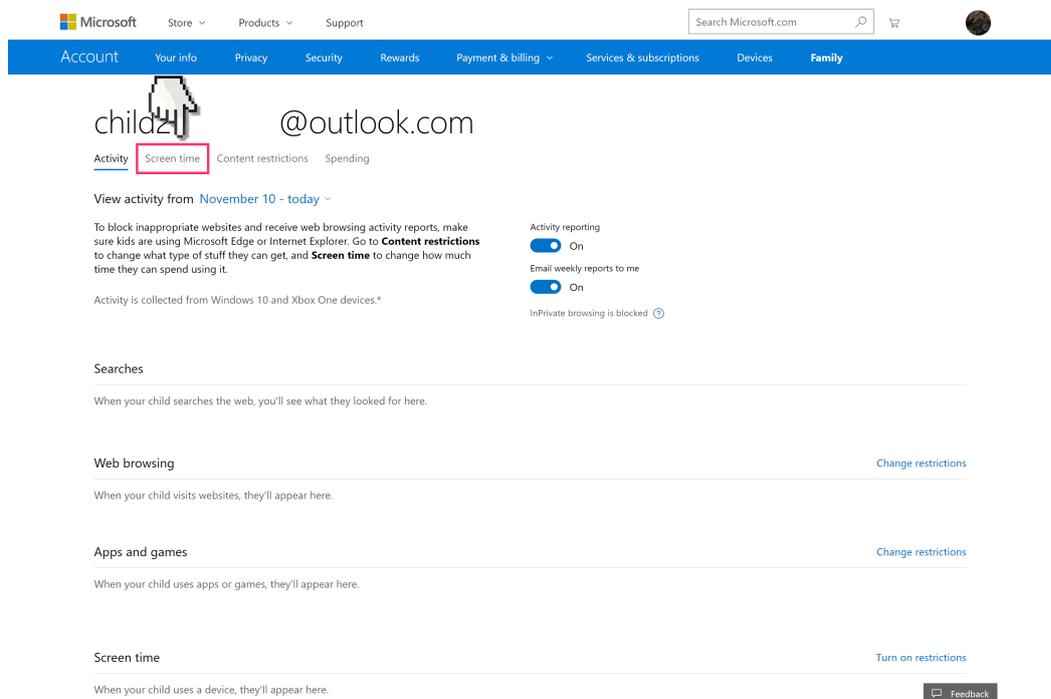


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Here you can set your reports, see your child's web searches, web browsing, Apps and games, and overall screen time. You are free to set restrictions for each of these categories. Click on the "Screen time" link.



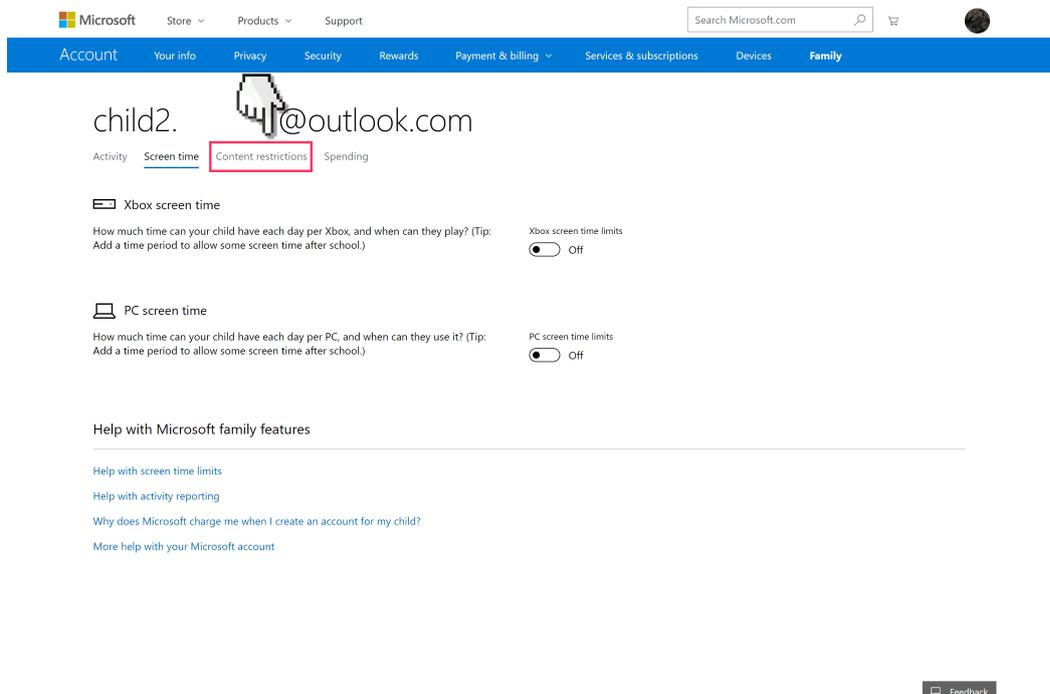
The screenshot shows the Microsoft Family Safety website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Microsoft logo, 'Store', 'Products', and 'Support'. A search bar and a shopping cart icon are also present. Below the navigation bar, the user's account information is displayed as 'child21@outlook.com'. The 'Activity' menu is open, and the 'Screen time' link is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows the 'Screen time' settings page, which includes a toggle for 'Activity reporting' (set to 'On'), a toggle for 'Email weekly reports to me' (set to 'On'), and a note that 'InPrivate browsing is blocked'. Below this, there are sections for 'Searches', 'Web browsing', 'Apps and games', and 'Screen time', each with a 'Change restrictions' link. A 'Feedback' button is located at the bottom right.

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Here you will see the screen time for each device your child's account uses. You can set limits on these devices by activating the "Screen time limits" toggle buttons. Click on "Content restrictions".



The screenshot shows the Microsoft account management interface for a child's account. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Account', 'Your info', 'Privacy', 'Security', 'Rewards', 'Payment & billing', 'Services & subscriptions', 'Devices', and 'Family'. The user's email address is 'child2. @outlook.com'. The 'Content restrictions' tab is highlighted with a red box and a mouse cursor. Below this, there are sections for 'Xbox screen time' and 'PC screen time', each with a description and a toggle switch for 'Screen time limits'. The 'Xbox screen time limits' toggle is currently set to 'Off'. A 'Feedback' button is located at the bottom right of the page.

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child2. @outlook.com

Activity Screen time Content restrictions Spending

Xbox screen time

How much time can your child have each day per Xbox, and when can they play? (Tip: Add a time period to allow some screen time after school.) Xbox screen time limits Off

PC screen time

How much time can your child have each day per PC, and when can they use it? (Tip: Add a time period to allow some screen time after school.) PC screen time limits Off

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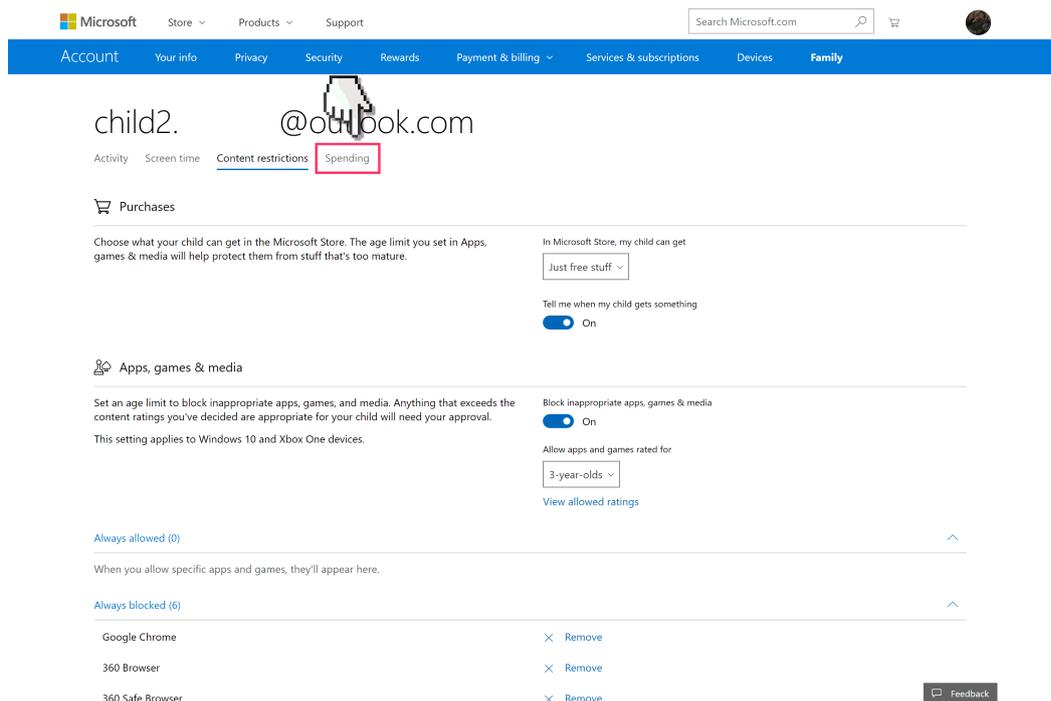
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Now we can set what your child can purchase, age limits for games and apps, block applications, and block websites or set a list of websites that are accessible. The web restrictions only work on the Edge or Internet Explorer web browsers so ensure other browsers on your computer are blocked on this page. Click on “spending”.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Family Safety website for a child named 'child2. @outlook.com'. The navigation bar includes 'Account', 'Your info', 'Privacy', 'Security', 'Rewards', 'Payment & billing', 'Services & subscriptions', 'Devices', and 'Family'. The 'Spending' tab is highlighted with a red box and a mouse cursor. Below the navigation, the 'Purchases' section is visible, with a sub-section for 'Spending' that includes a dropdown menu set to 'Just free stuff', a toggle for 'Tell me when my child gets something' which is turned 'On', and a section for 'Apps, games & media' with a toggle for 'Block inappropriate apps, games & media' also turned 'On'. The 'Allow apps and games rated for' dropdown is set to '3-year-olds'. At the bottom, there is a list of 'Always blocked' apps: Google Chrome, 360 Browser, and 360 Safe Browser, each with a 'Remove' button. A 'Feedback' button is located in the bottom right corner.

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On this page, you can set if your child is able to purchase anything from the Microsoft Store as well as their purchase history.

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Help kids shop responsibly

Add money to kids' Microsoft accounts, so they can buy what they want, without spending too much. Set content restrictions to help protect them from stuff that's too mature.

[Change content restrictions](#)

Microsoft account balance

Putting money in your child's Microsoft account rewards them with the freedom to shop on their own—unless, of course, they're trying to buy something that exceeds the limits you've set.

[Add money](#)

Purchase history

Looks like they haven't bought anything yet.

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