



# Pre-School

Top Tips to support 3-5 year olds online



Tip # 1 - Show your child what the internet is and explore it together. Let them see all the fun and educational things they can do.



Tip # 2 - Keep your devices out of reach and set passwords on all your internet-enabled devices. Then you'll know when and where your child is accessing the internet. You can also make sure they're not making additional purchases when they're playing games or using apps.

Tip # 3 - Install parental controls on your home broadband. Most Internet-enabled devices also allow you to set parental controls so you can monitor access and usage.



Tip # 4 - Use safe search engines such as *Kidtopia* or *Kids-search*. You can add these to your 'Favourites' for a quicker search next time. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines, as well as YouTube.

Tip # 5 - Encourage your child to use their devices in communal areas like the kitchen or lounge so you can keep an eye on their usage and share in their enjoyment.



Tip # 6 - Set your homepage to a child-friendly site like *CBeebies* and create a user account for your child on the family computer or device which only allows access to sites you've chosen.

Tip # 7 - You can choose safe, fun and educational online games to play with your child and that way you'll be confident about them exploring.



Tip # 8 - It's never too early to start setting boundaries. Set some rules about how long your child can spend online and stick to it!

## Together for a safer surf!