

Monitor a Child's Account in Windows 10

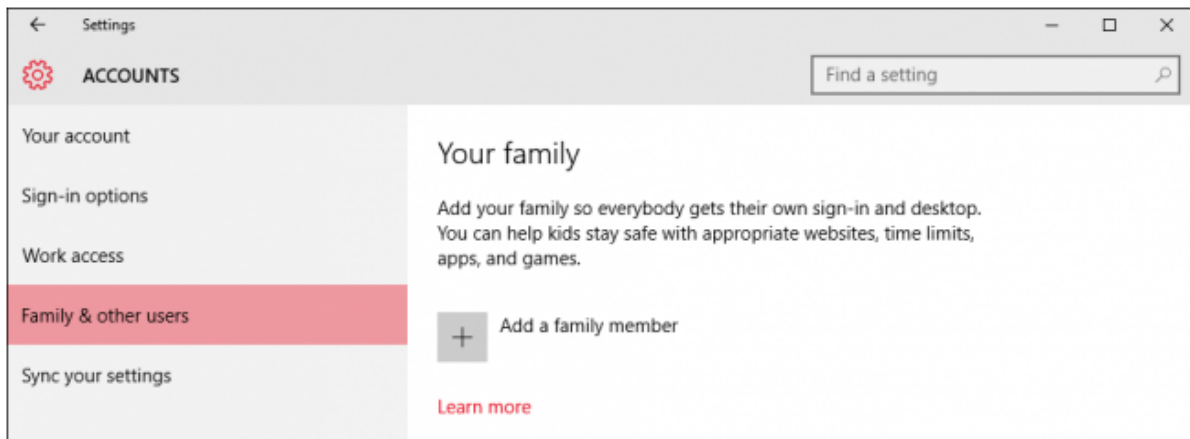
Your children are the most important people in the world to you, and the Internet is a scary place that requires constant vigilance. Luckily, you can set up a child's account in Windows 10 to make your job as a parent that much easier.

It's pretty easy to set one up and you can quickly create accounts for you kids, and then protect and monitor their activity in just a few minutes.

SET-UP

Step 1

In Windows 10, you will want to open up the Settings, then Accounts, and click on "Family & other users", then click "Add a family member"



Step 2

On the next screen, click "Add a child". It's a good idea that each family member has their own account.

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Add a child or an adult?

Enter the email address of the person you want to add. If they use Windows, Office, Outlook.com, OneDrive, Skype, or Xbox, enter the email address they use to sign in.

Add a child
Kids are safer online when they have their own account

Add an adult

Enter their email address

[The person I want to add doesn't have an email address](#)

Step 3

Next, you will fill in the information needed to set up your child's account. If they do not have an email account, you can set up an outlook.com account for them.

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Let's create an account

Windows, Office, Outlook.com, OneDrive, Skype, Xbox. They're all better and more personal when they sign in with their Microsoft account. [Learn more](#)

Childs

Email

✓ayounggeek@outlook.com is available.

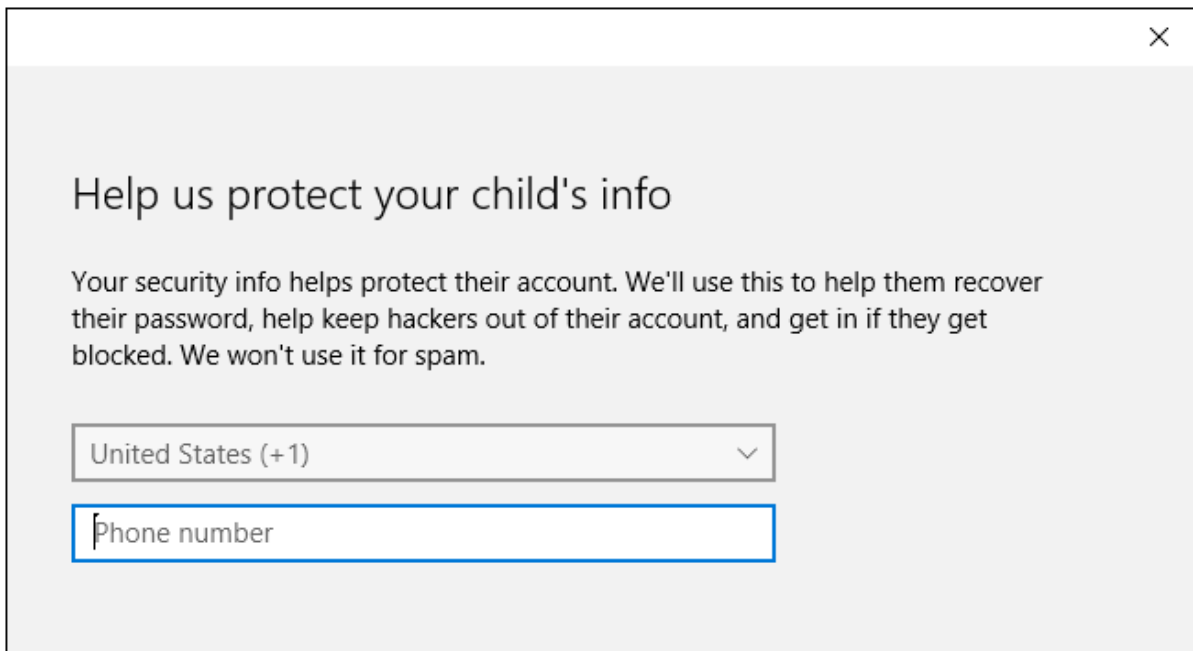
childsemail

@outlook.com

[Use their email address instead](#)

Step 4

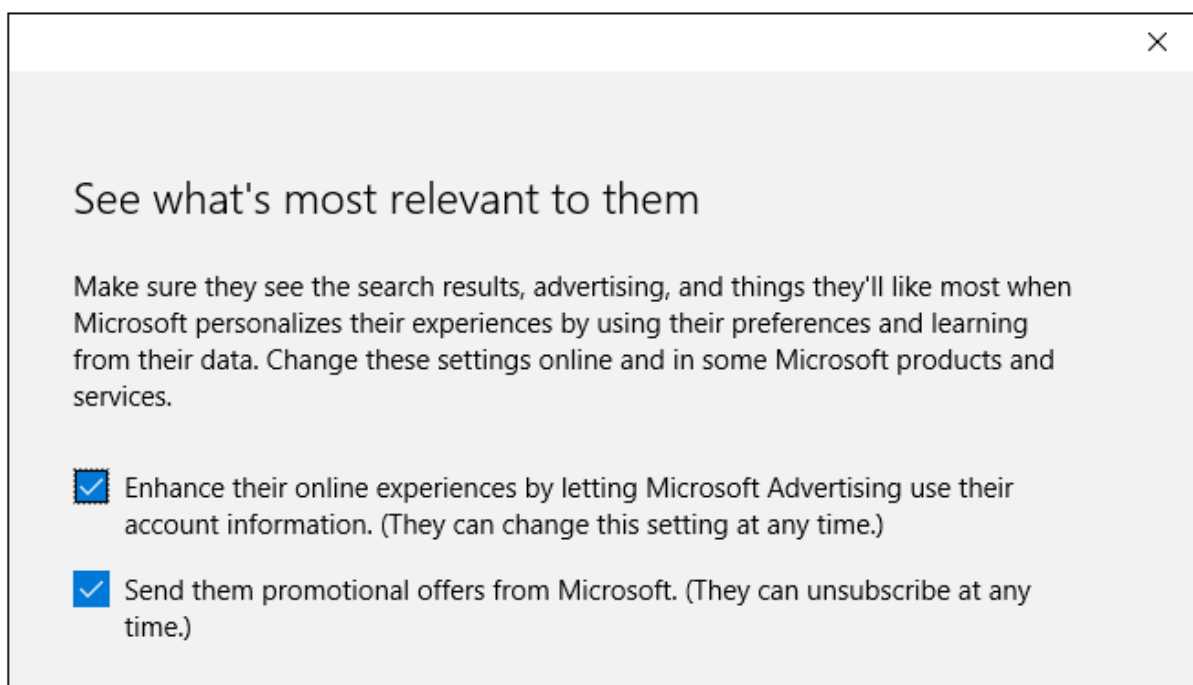
In order to better protect your child's account's security, you will need to enter a telephone number. This way if you're ever unable to access the account if you forget the password, you can have a code sent to your phone that will let you reset it.



A screenshot of a Microsoft account security setup screen. The title is "Help us protect your child's info". Below the title is a paragraph explaining that security info helps protect the account and can be used to recover a password or get in if blocked. There are two input fields: a dropdown menu for the country, currently set to "United States (+1)", and a text input field for the phone number, which currently contains the placeholder text "Phone number".

Step 5

On the next screen, uncheck these boxes.



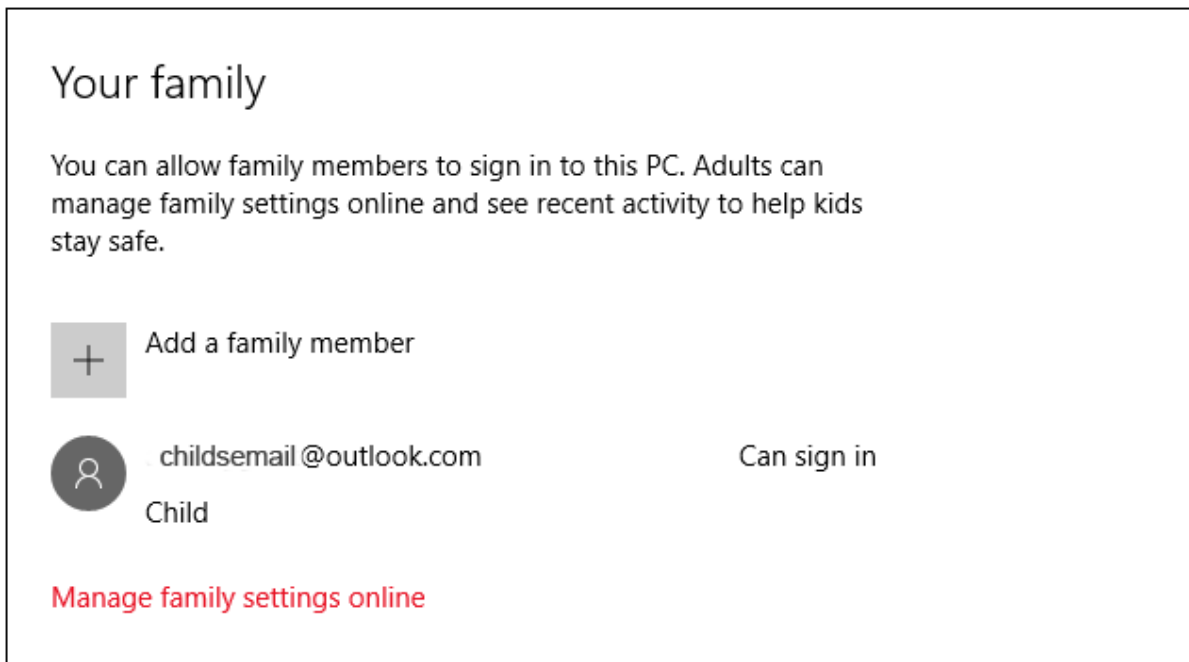
A screenshot of a Microsoft account settings screen. The title is "See what's most relevant to them". Below the title is a paragraph explaining that Microsoft personalizes experiences based on preferences and data. There are two checkboxes, both of which are checked:

- Enhance their online experiences by letting Microsoft Advertising use their account information. (They can change this setting at any time.)
- Send them promotional offers from Microsoft. (They can unsubscribe at any time.)

CONTROL AND MONITORING SET-UP

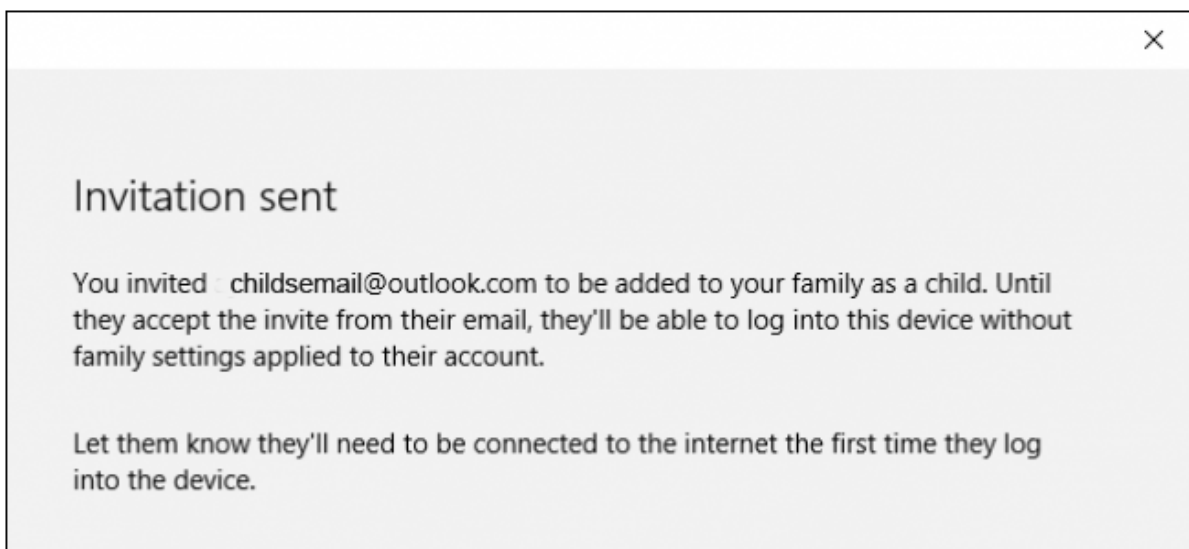
Step 6

That's it, your child can now log into their account for the first time, and you can set up and configure their account settings using the Microsoft Family Safety tools online.



Step 7

Alternatively, if your child already has an account, you're simply adding it to your Windows 10 pc, you will need to make sure to confirm their account before any existing family settings can be applied.





Step 8

Until you do so, you will see that their account is still pending. They will be able to sign in and use the computer, but they won't have the protections you have established, so make sure to confirm their account using the email address you signed them up with.

Your family

You can allow family members to sign in to this PC. Adults can manage family settings online and see recent activity to help kids stay safe.

 Add a family member

 childsemail@outlook.com Can sign in

Child, Pending

[Manage family settings online](#)

With your child's account added, you're ready to head to the Family Safety website. Click "Manage family settings online" to open a browser and head there now.

FAMILY SAFETY OVERVIEW

Step 9

Once you've added your child's account, you can manage those family safety settings from the Family Safety website. The recent activity settings will collect your child's activity and email reports to you, both of which you can disable if you don't want them.


Recent activity

March 31 through today

Activity reporting On

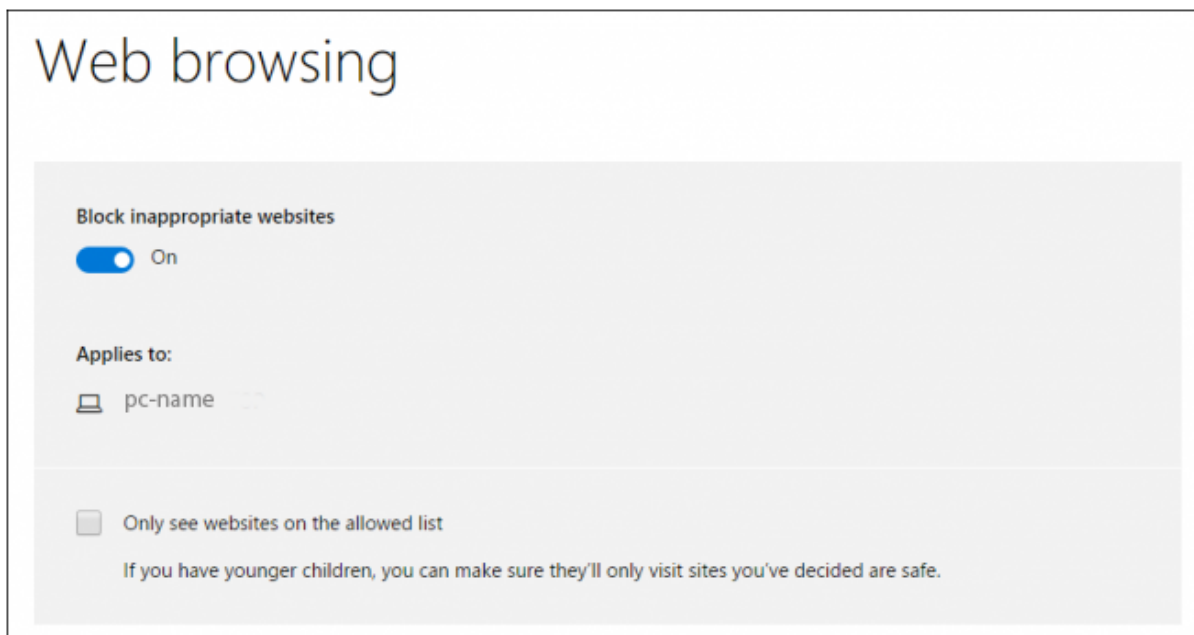
Email weekly reports to me On

Collected from

 pc-name

Step 10

The first item you will want to consider is the “web browsing” category. You can “block inappropriate websites” and there is a check box to constrain your child’s web browsing to only websites on the allowed list.



Step 11

Here, you can explicitly allow and block websites. If you elected to “only see websites on the allowed list,” then this will be where you will add websites to the “Always allow these” list.

Always allow these	Always block these
<p>Enter the URL of a website you want to allow:</p> <input type="text" value="example.com"/> <input type="button" value="Allow"/>	<p>Enter the URL of a website you want to block:</p> <input type="text" value="example.com"/> <input type="button" value="Block"/>
<p>http://google.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>	<p>http://facebook.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>
<p>http://howtogeek.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>	<p>http://instagram.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>
	<p>http://pinterest.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>
	<p>http://twitter.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>
	<p>http://youtube.com/ <input type="button" value="Remove"/></p>

Step 12

The next category is to limit apps and games from three to twenty-year-olds, or not at all. Note, as you change the age, the ratings will change as well.

Limit apps and games that can be used on this device

Child can use apps and games appropriate for:

Ratings

 <p>Apps For ages 7 and up</p>	 <p>Games For ages 10 and up</p>
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Step 13

You can also explicitly allow or block apps and games, just as you would with websites.

Allowed apps & games

If you allow your child to use a blocked app or game by responding to a permission request, it will show up here.

3DMark	Remove
AcroRd32	Remove
Adobe Extension Manager CS6	Remove
audacity	Remove
avidemux	Remove

[Show all](#)

Blocked apps & games

If you block any rated apps from Recent activity, they will show up here.

Fallout: New Vegas	Remove
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Step 14

Finally, you can choose when your child uses the computer. You can decide how early and late they can use it, as well as how many hours per day. This means that even though your child may be able to use the computer throughout the entire day, you can still limit how many hours they're allowed to use it.

Choose the times Kid Geek can use devices

	As early as	No later than	Limit per day, on this device
Sunday	7:00 AM ▼	9:00 PM ▼	4 hrs ▼
Monday	7:00 AM ▼	9:00 PM ▼	2 hrs ▼
Tuesday	7:00 AM ▼	9:00 PM ▼	2 hrs ▼
Wednesday	7:00 AM ▼	9:00 PM ▼	2 hrs ▼
Thursday	7:00 AM ▼	9:00 PM ▼	2 hrs ▼
Friday	7:00 AM ▼	11:00 PM ▼	4 hrs ▼
Saturday	7:00 AM ▼	11:00 PM ▼	4 hrs ▼

Microsoft has greatly simplified how parents can apply controls to their children's accounts so if you're new to all this, you should find it pretty easy to figure out. Having controls in place should give you peace of mind to let your child use the computer without too much adult supervision.

Keep in mind that if you add an existing account to your Windows installation, you won't be able to monitor it until you verify it via email. Until you do that, your child can log into the computer and it will not be monitored by Family Safety.