Nintendo Switch

Controls & Settings guide

To manage your child's safety on the console, there is a bespoke free app that you can use, that links to the device and enables you to set restrictions on the console directly.

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What do I need?

A Nintendo account (email address/Password)

Restrictions you can apply

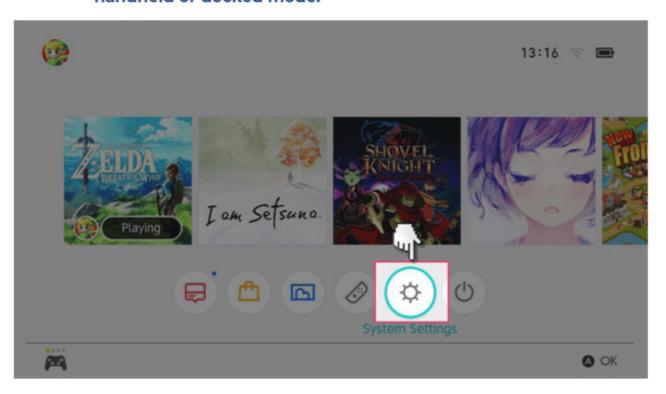Browser Access

Chatting

Game Ratings
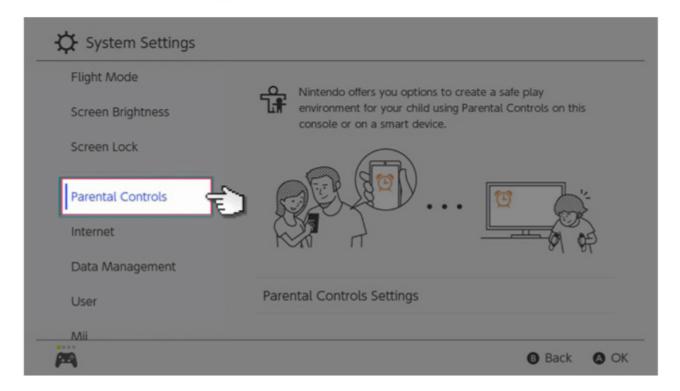
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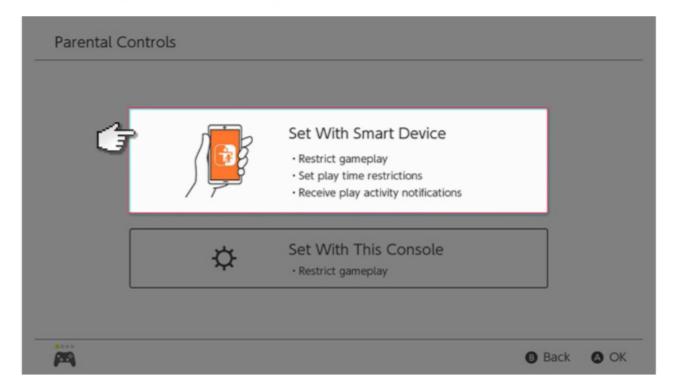
Timer

Step by Step instructions

1. Head to the 'System Settings' option on the main screen, either in handheld or docked mode.

2. **Scroll down the left-hand bar to the Parental Controls option and click (or tap if you are using the touchscreen). Click on the Parental Control Settings, the highlighted box on the right-hand side of the screen.**

3. **This will open a page that offers two options: you can either set simple parental controls by restricting the gameplay by age, so only games of a certain rating can be played, or you can set more complex parental controls through a dedicated smartphone app for iPhone or Android.**

Parental Controls

Set With Smart Device
- Restrict gameplay
- Set play time restrictions
- Receive play activity notifications

Set With This Console
- Restrict gameplay

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4. **If you choose to restrict gameplay on the console itself, you can set the age limits of different features, such as the games and whether the user can post screengrabs taken on the Switch on social networks. Communication with other players can also be restricted.**
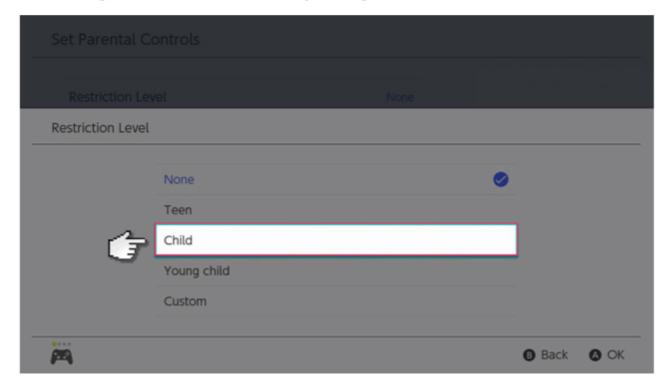
It is possible to link your Nintendo account with a child's Nintendo Switch profile, so they can purchase games from the online Nintendo eShop. If you have that option installed, you can also restrict those. The instructions are on the Switch in that case.

Set Parental Controls

Restriction Level	None
Restricted Software	Not restricted
Posting screenshots on social networks	Not restricted
Free communication with others	Not restricted
Content rating system	PEGI + BBFC (UK)

ATTENTION! If you need to adjust any of these settings, please set the restriction level to Custom.

Restricting Purchases in Nintendo eShop

This requires that you associate your child's Nintendo Account with your Nintendo Account. Access your account on a smart device or PC to create an account for your child or associate an existing account with yours. accounts.nintendo.com
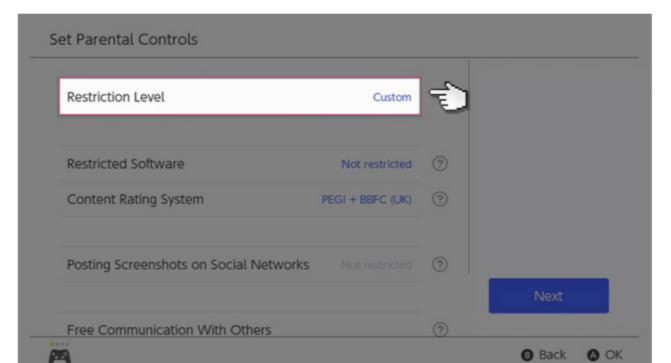
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5. **Restrict levels available to choose are Teen, Child, Young Child or you can customise the options yourself.**

Set Parental Controls

Restriction Level   None

Restriction Level

None   ✓

Teen

Child

Young child

Custom

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6. **You can also set options through the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app ✐ for iPhone and Android. Download it from your relevant app store on your smartphone and follow the instructions on screen.**

You will need to link it to your Nintendo Account and the Switch through a code that is sent. It is very simple to follow.

Set Parental Controls

Restriction Level   Custom   👉

Restricted Software   Not restricted   ⑦

Content Rating System   PEGI + BBFC (UK)   ⑦

Posting Screenshots on Social Networks   Not restricted   ⑦

Next

Free Communication With Others   ⑦

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7. **Once linked, you can not only use the app to set the content restrictions as per the options on the console itself, you can also use it to set the amount of play time a child can have. The console will not let them past the period determined.**

This can also be set per profile as you can set-up different profiles on the Nintendo Switch itself. This is done when the console is first used. Alternatively, you can add new "Users" in the 'System Settings' under the "User" tab.

Set With Smart Device

Have you installed the Nintendo Switch™ Parental Controls app?

Yes

No

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