

E-safety

Android Parental Controls Guide

Introduction

This guide is designed to help you put parental controls in place on your child's Android device. Please bear in mind that when doing this, you will need to activate a Google account on the device. You could use your own Google account or create/use the Google account of your child. If you need any further support, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Mason (Curriculum Leader).

Features and Benefits

Android smartphones have parental controls for the Play store but not on the device itself. These allow you to set the maturity level of apps and set a PIN code for purchases.

What specific content can I restrict?



Apps Access



In App purchasing



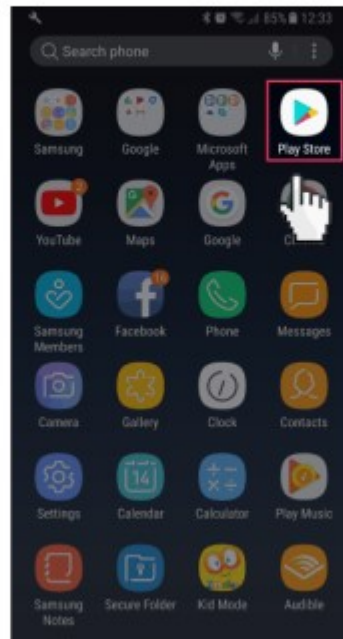
Online games

What do I need?

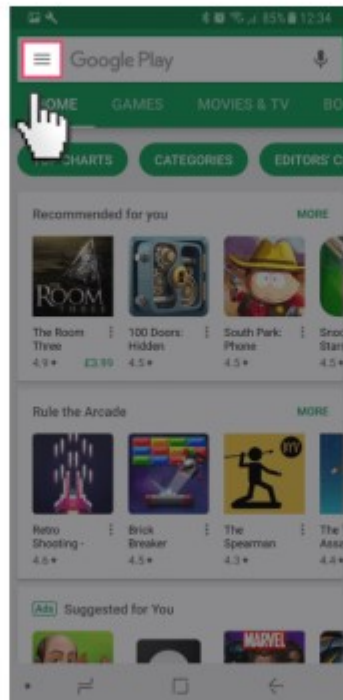
You will need your Google account email and password for the device.



Launch the Google "Play Store" application on your handset.

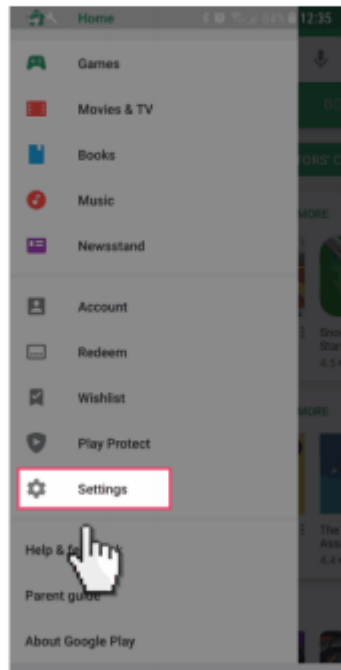


Tap the menu button.

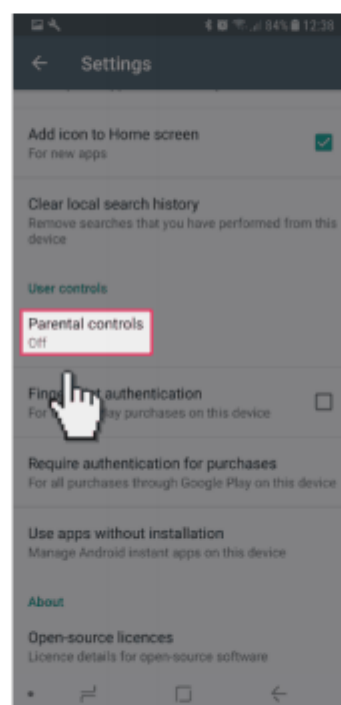




From the pop out menu scroll down and tap “Settings”.

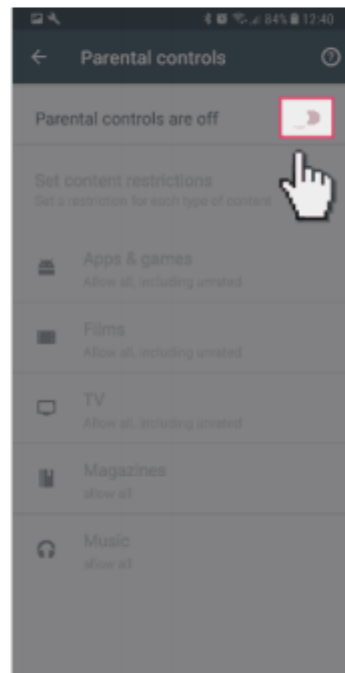


In the “Settings” section scroll down and tap on “Parental controls”.

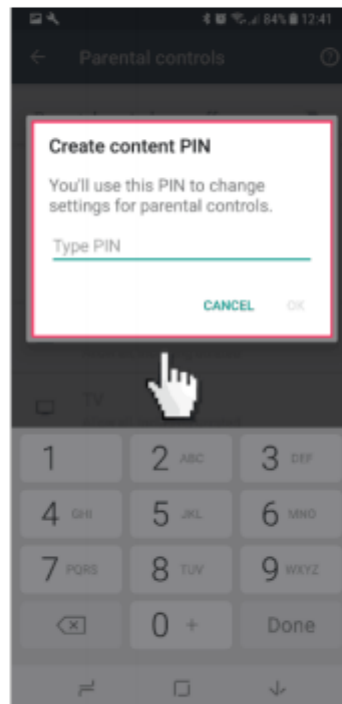




Enable parental controls by tapping on the radio button.

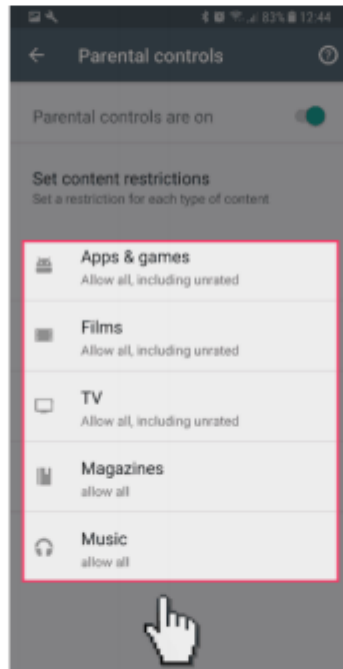


You will be now prompted to create a PIN.

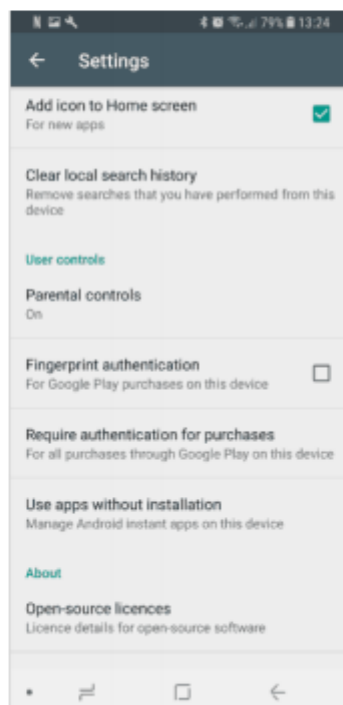




You can now set restrictions for “Apps & games”, “Films”, “TV”, “Magazines” and “Music” all of which are accessed via the Play Store.

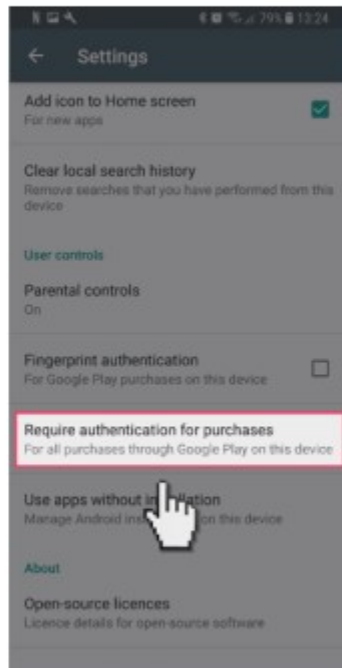


Now we will enable your handset to require the Google account password when making purchases. Return to the “Settings” menu within the “Play Store” app (Steps 2-4).

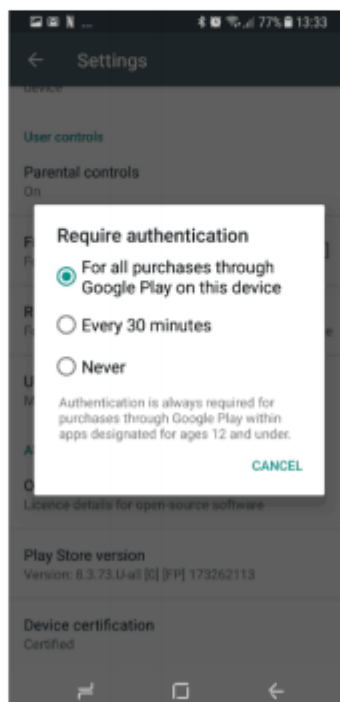




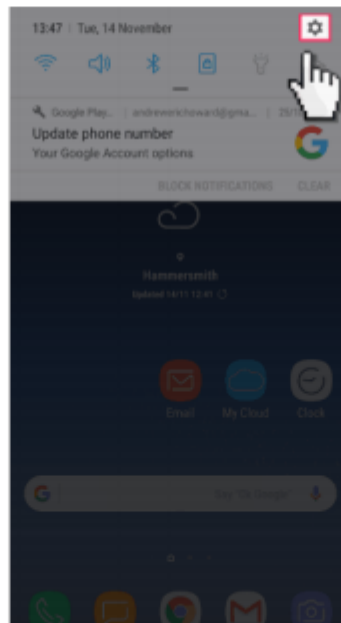
Scroll down and select “Require authentication for purchases”.



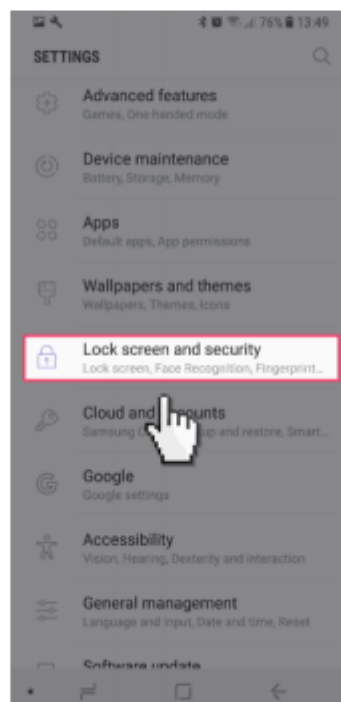
On the “Require authentication” pop-up you can select to require your Google account password for all purchases, open a 30-minute window where all purchases are allowed after inputting your password, or disable authentication entirely.



Finally, we will now block the device from being able to install applications from services other than the “Play store” where we have placed the restrictions. From your devices “home Screen” swipe down from the top of the screen and then select the settings cog.



From the “SETTINGS” menu scroll down to “Lock screen and security”.





Scroll down to the section names “Unknown sources” and ensure that the toggle switch is set to off.

