



Cuffley School

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Learning to Learn

Summer 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This newsletter highlights online safety for younger children and the risks linked to platforms such as Roblox.

You can help by talking regularly with your child about what they are playing, who they are communicating with, and setting clear boundaries around screen time. Keeping devices in shared spaces and using parental controls can also help keep children safe.

If your child shares anything that worries them, please reassure them and let the school know so we can support you.

Have a wonderful summer,

Ms R Evans

Advice and support for your child's development from pregnancy to childcare right through to starting school can be found by following this link:

[Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)



UK Government



A parent's guide to online safety for children under five

Please use the link below to learn about the risks, get practical guidance, and discover ideas to help keep younger children safe.

[A parent's guide to online safety for children under five | NSPCC](#)

Screens are now a normal part of family life, and for most children they are hard to avoid altogether. New government advice recognises this reality and focuses on helping families manage screen time well, rather than eliminating it. Developed with parents and child health experts, the guidance highlights that the early years are crucial for children's development and that too much unmanaged screen use can take time away from the things that matter most – such as sleep, play, talking, reading and time together.

The advice offers practical, non-judgmental support to help families build healthy habits and make confident choices about screen use at home.

Roblox

Understanding Roblox: What parents need to know

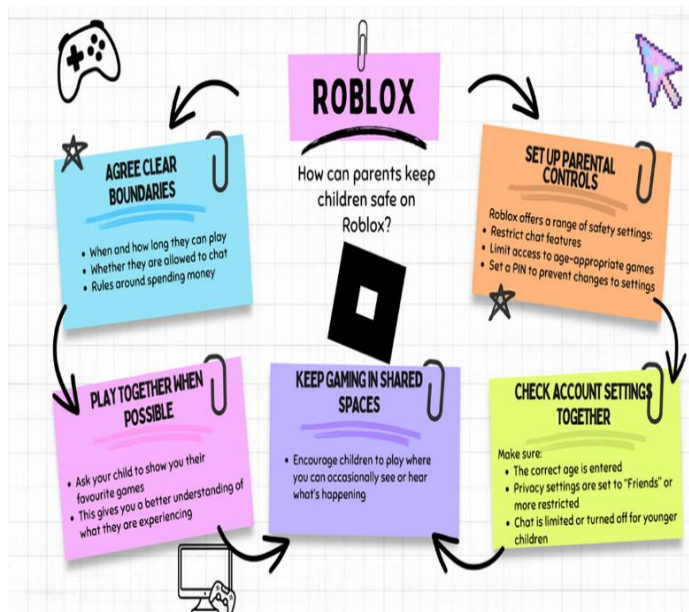
Many children talk about 'playing Roblox' as if it were a single game - but it's important to understand that Roblox is actually a platform where users create and upload their own games. This means that when children are on Roblox, they are not just playing one controlled experience, they can move between millions of different games, created by people from around the world.

Why does this matter?

Because Roblox is user-generated, the quality and safety of content can vary widely. While some games are creative and age-appropriate, others may include:

- Inappropriate language or themes not suitable for younger children
- Unmoderated chat features, where children can communicate with strangers
- User-created games with hidden content, which may not be obvious at first In-game purchases and pressure to spend money (using Robux)
- Attempts to move conversations to other platforms (a common online safety risk).

Even when Roblox removes inappropriate content, new games are constantly being uploaded, which makes it difficult to filter.



Being in school every day helps children feel settled, build friendships and make strong progress in their learning.

We understand that there may be times when children are unwell, but we ask for your support in prioritising attendance wherever possible, as even a few missed days can make a difference over time.

If you are finding attendance difficult for any reason, please do speak to us — we are here to work alongside you and support your child.

Who to contact if you have a concern about a child

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999 without hesitation

The Safeguarding Team oversees and co-ordinates all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up to date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Tracy Farmer

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Wendy Wing, Mrs Andrea Charalambous, Ms Rachel Evans, Mrs Hannah Bedwell and Mrs Nadine Grainger

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs Leanne Raffety

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS

Starting the conversation is often the hardest part - these simple questions can help:

- "What do you like most about Roblox?"
- "Can you show me your favourite game?"
- "Do you ever chat with people while you're playing?"
- "Do you know how to report or block someone?"

These questions help children feel safe sharing, rather than feeling they are being checked up on.