

Windows 11

Controls & Settings guide

With Windows 11, parents can set up an account for their child to manage children's activity on devices and online to keep them safe.

Get reports and a weekly emails of your family's activity to help understand how privacy settings can help everyone in the family use their device wisely. Additionally, install the Microsoft Family app to monitor activity from anywhere.

While Windows 11 has some difference from **Windows 10**, many parental controls remain the same.

What do I need?

Administrator access to your Windows 11 computer via a parent account

Restrictions you can apply



Apps Access



Browser Access



Inappropriate content

Step by Step instructions

These steps were recreated on a desktop PC.

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1. How to set up a child's account

On shared devices with Windows 11, it's a good idea to create separate accounts for different family members to help keep children safe online.

To set up a child's account:

Step 1 – Sign in to the administrator account (or your account if you are the only user).

Step 2 – Search settings in the search bar in the bottom middle of the screen. Click Settings and then Account.

Step 3 – Click Family and then Add someone.

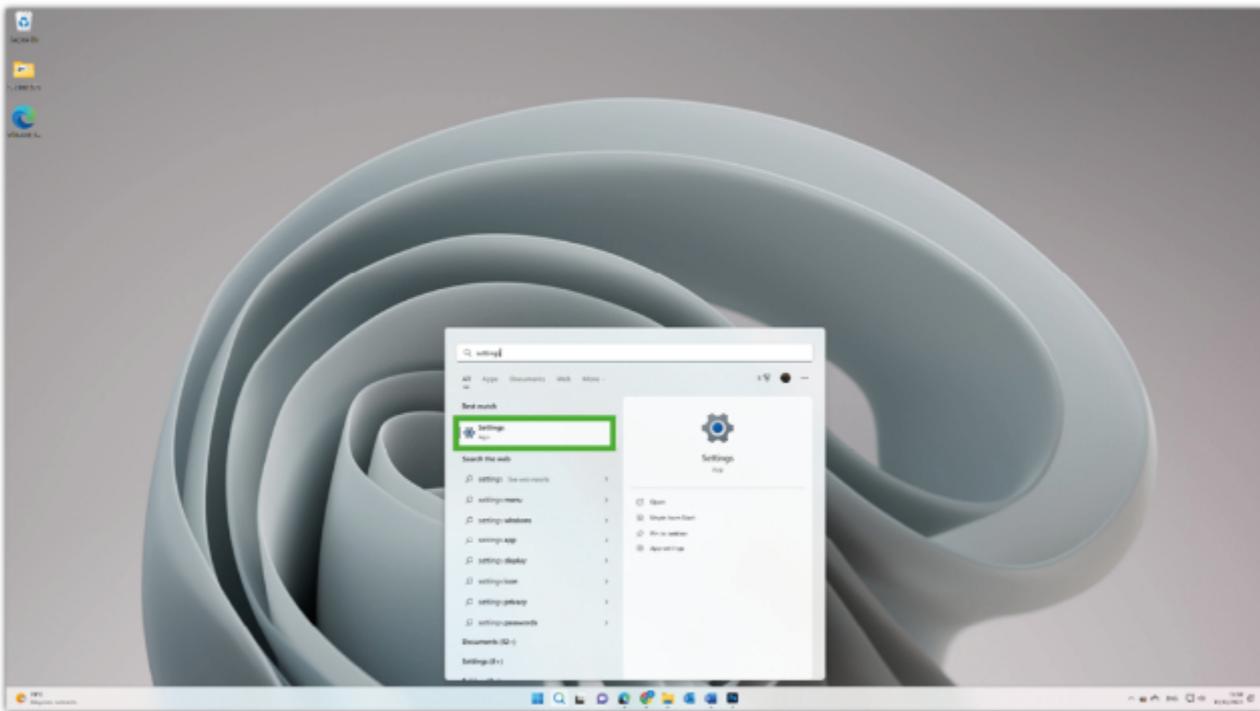
Step 4 – Create a Microsoft account email address for your child by clicking Create one for a child under the box and following the prompts (or enter one they already use). This should be a personal account rather than a school account. Once added, you will get a notification that they have joined your family.

Step 5 – Under Your family, confirm that your child has been added. Then, login to their account.

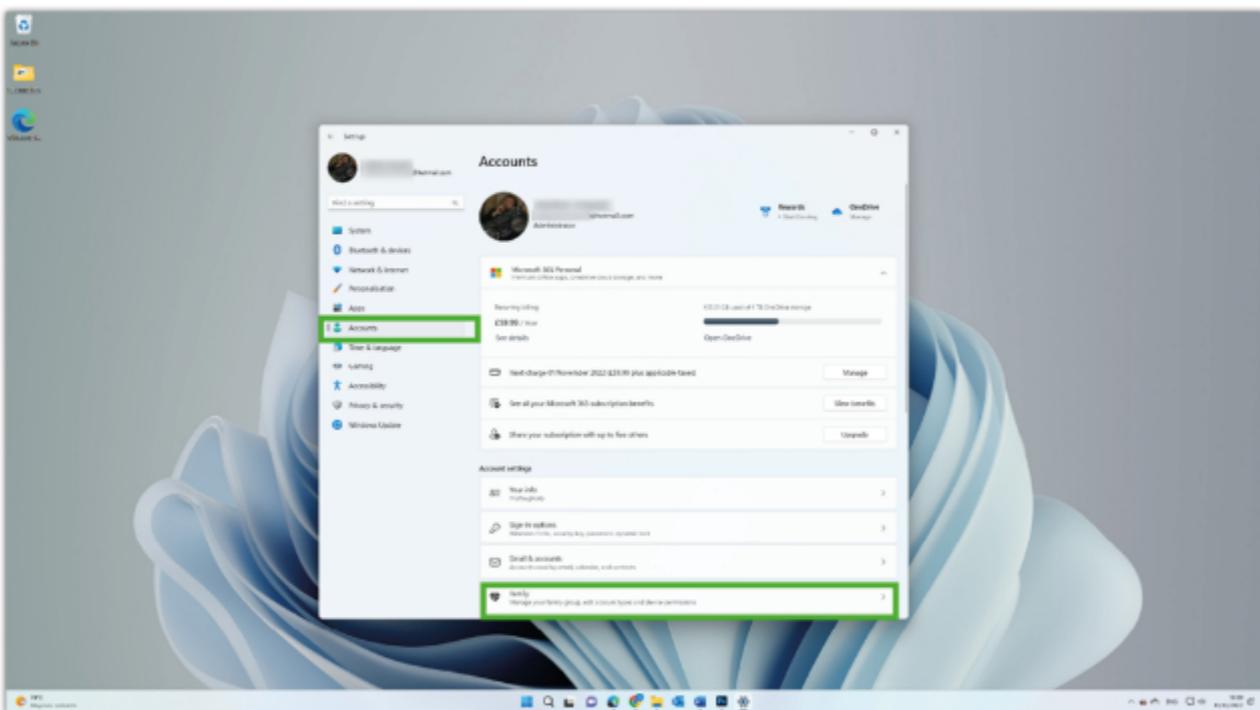
Step 6 – When you first sign in on your child's account, there are additional steps to complete setup. From your account, click the Windows icon in the bottom centre point of the screen. Then, click your profile icon/name to select your child's account.

Step 7 – Enter their username and password to confirm their account and approve the sign-in. Then, open Microsoft Edge to complete the first-time open tasks before returning to your own account.

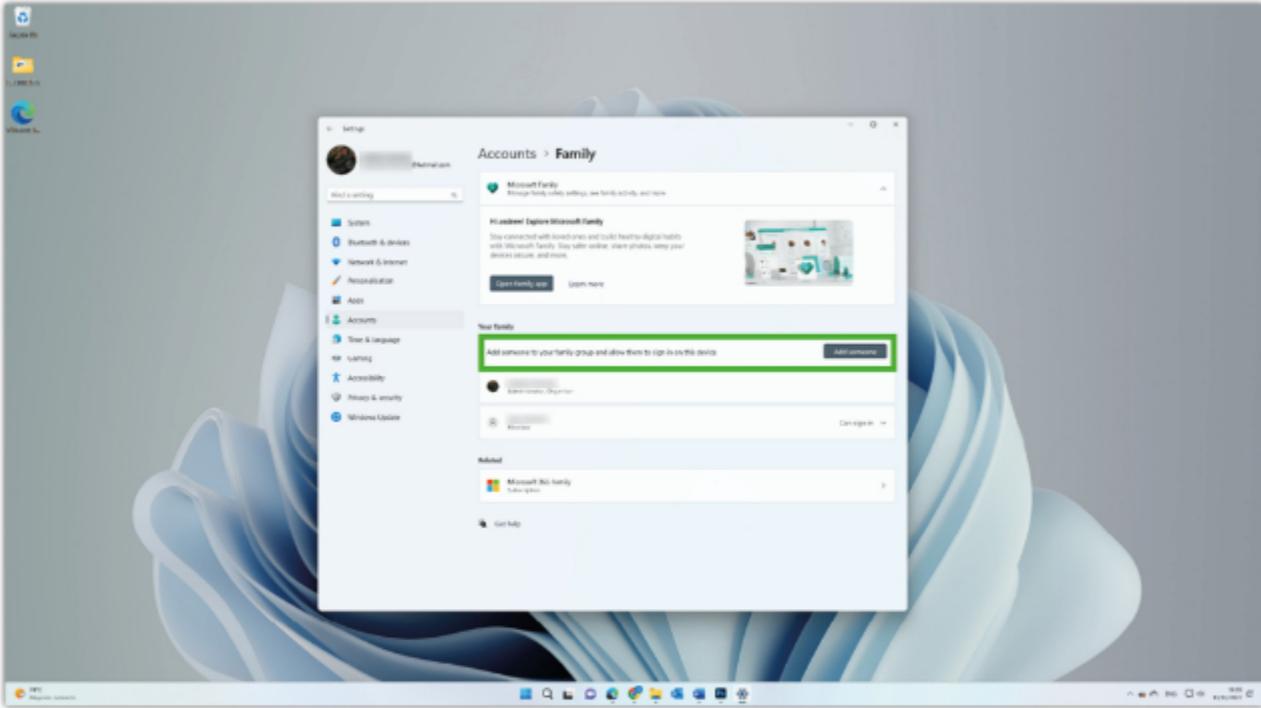
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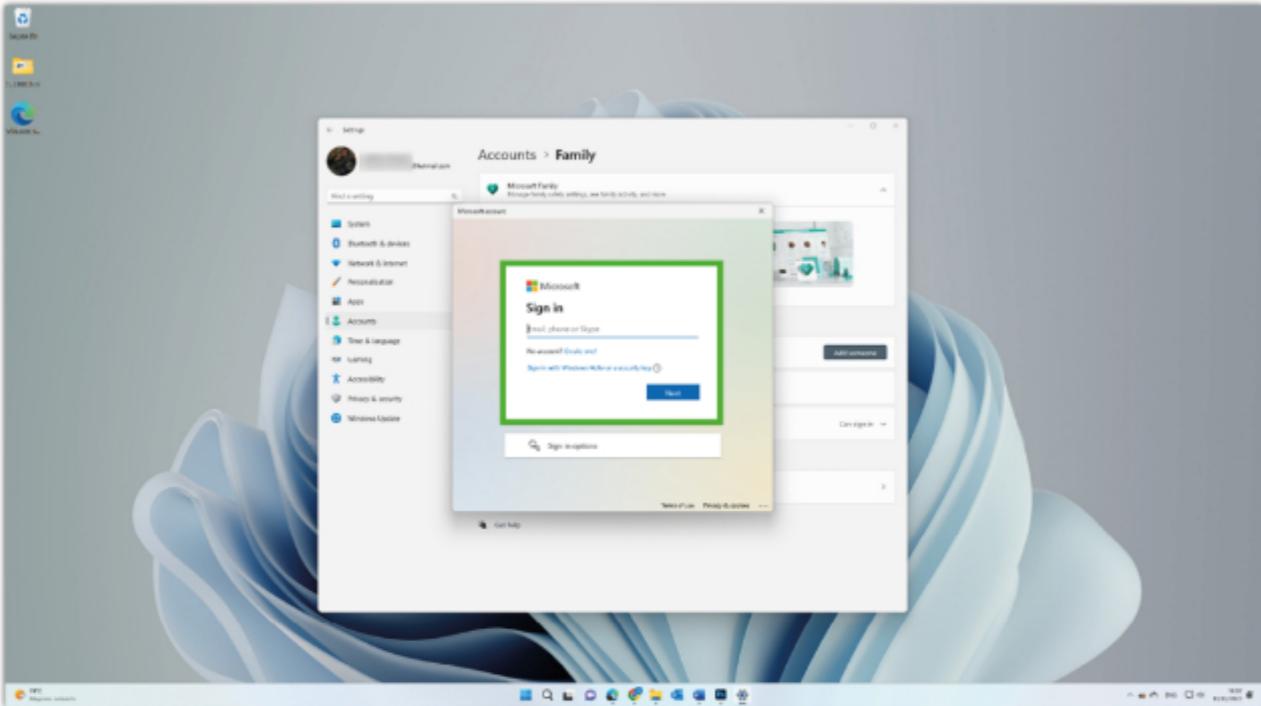
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2. Manage screen time

Windows 11 lets you track how much time your child spends on different apps. You can also set limits to help them balance their time online with offline activities.

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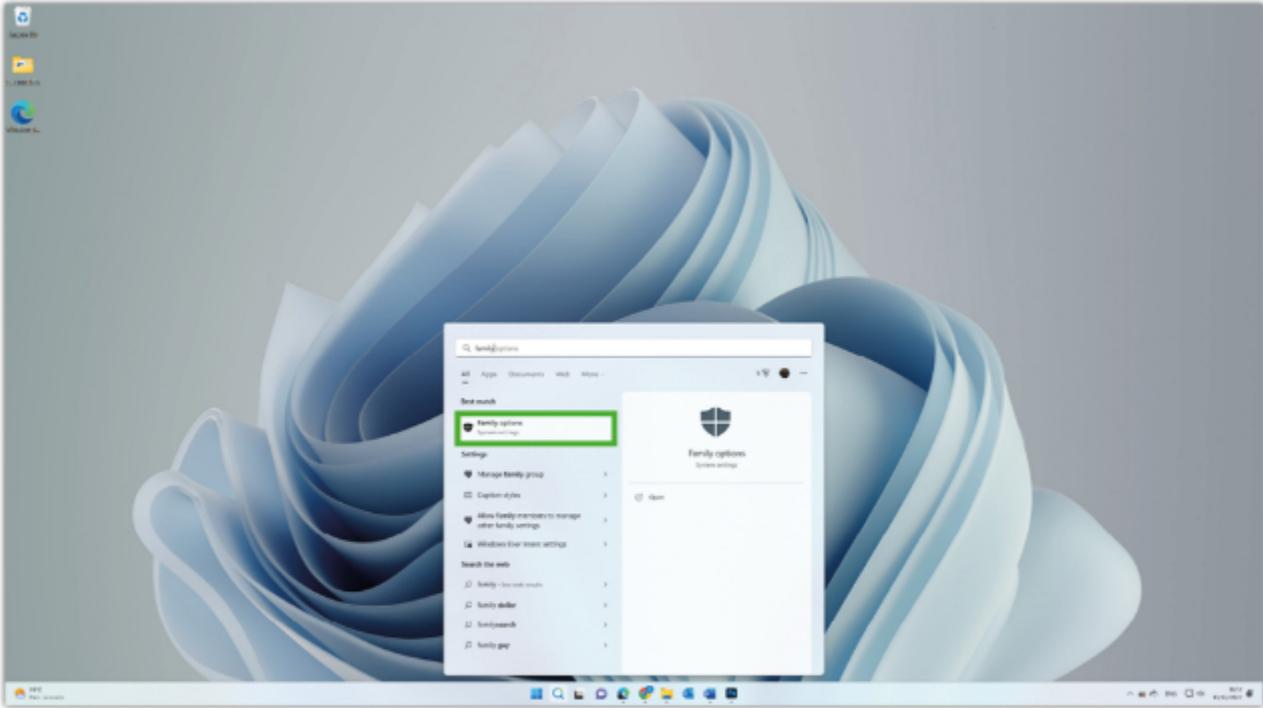
Step 1 – From your account, search family options in the centre menu search bar. Click Family options.

Step 2 – Click View family settings and click on your child's profile. Click Screen time from the left-hand menu.

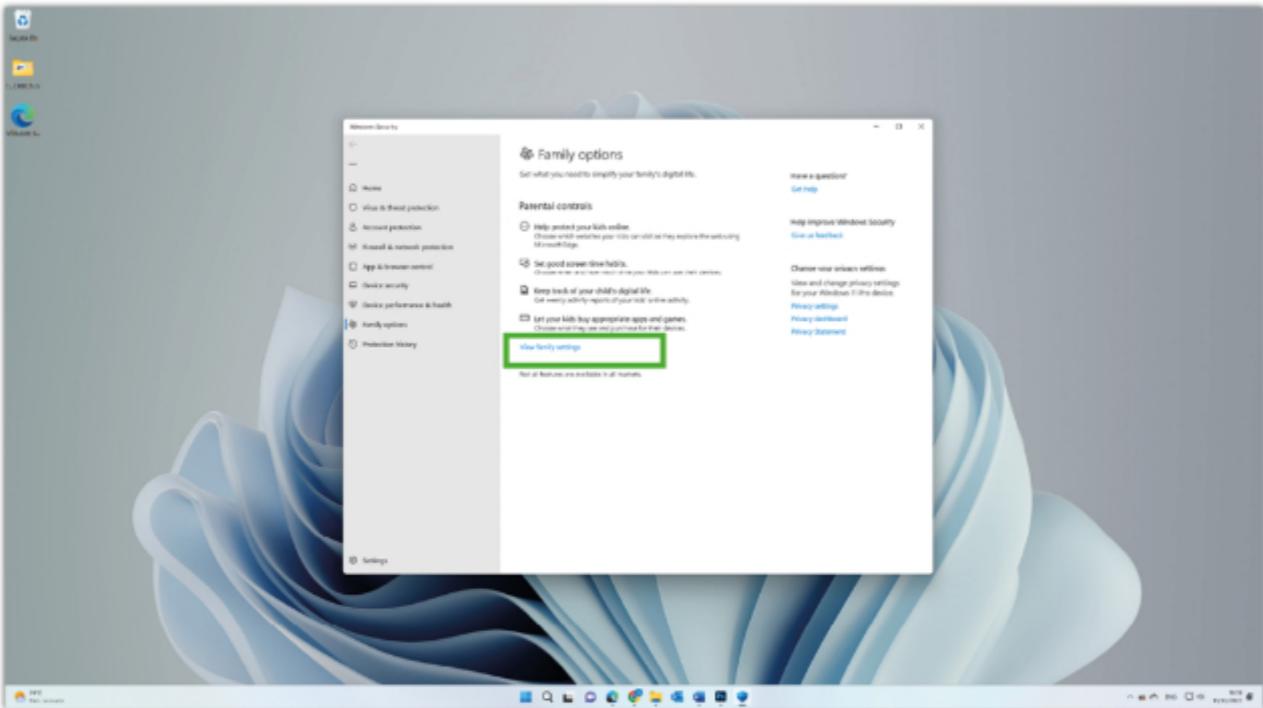
Step 3 – Here, you'll see a breakdown of time spent on each device your child uses along with how that time is split among Apps and games. Scroll down and click Turn limits on to set screen time limits.

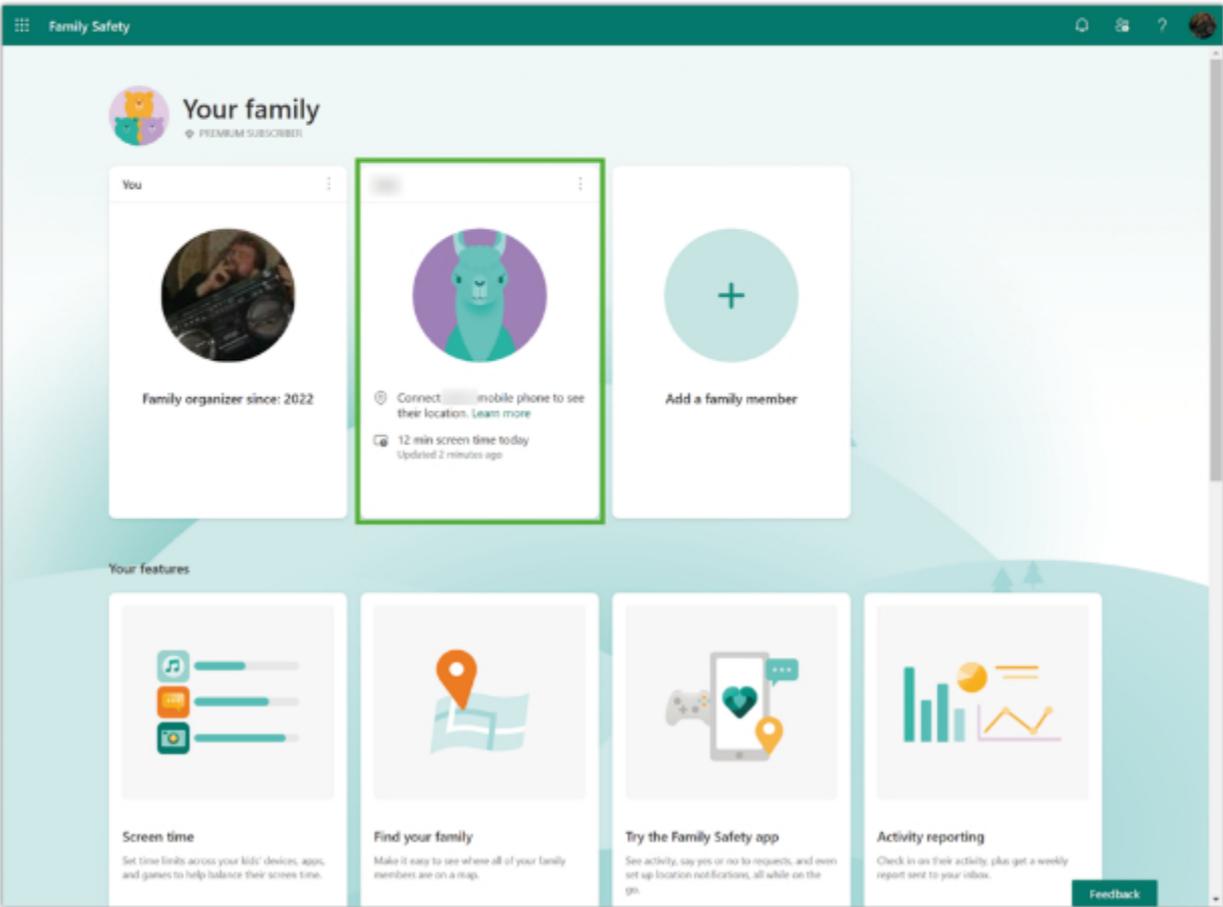
Step 4 – Choose and set how much time your child can spend on their devices or in specific apps and games per day. This is useful if you'd like to give them more time on weekends versus school nights. Review this around school breaks if relevant.

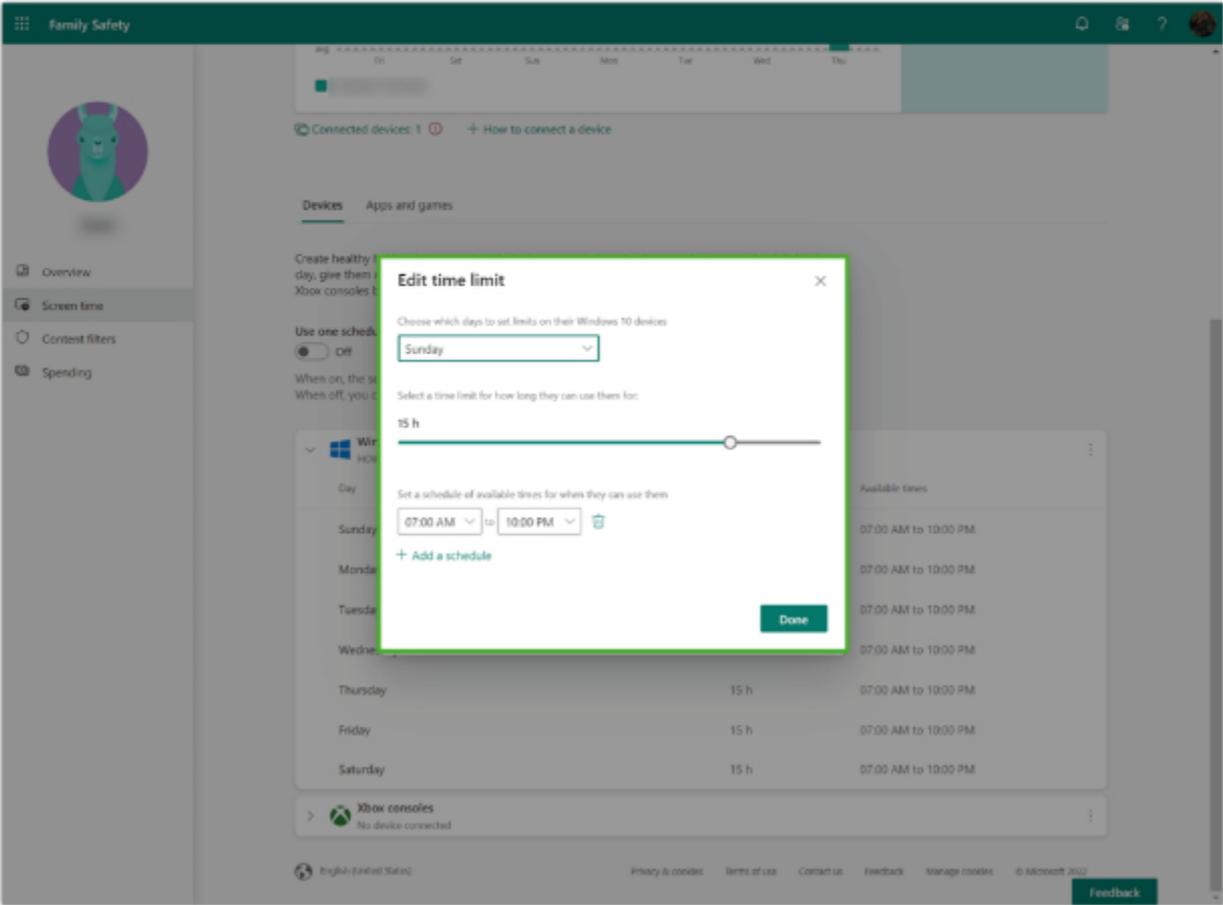
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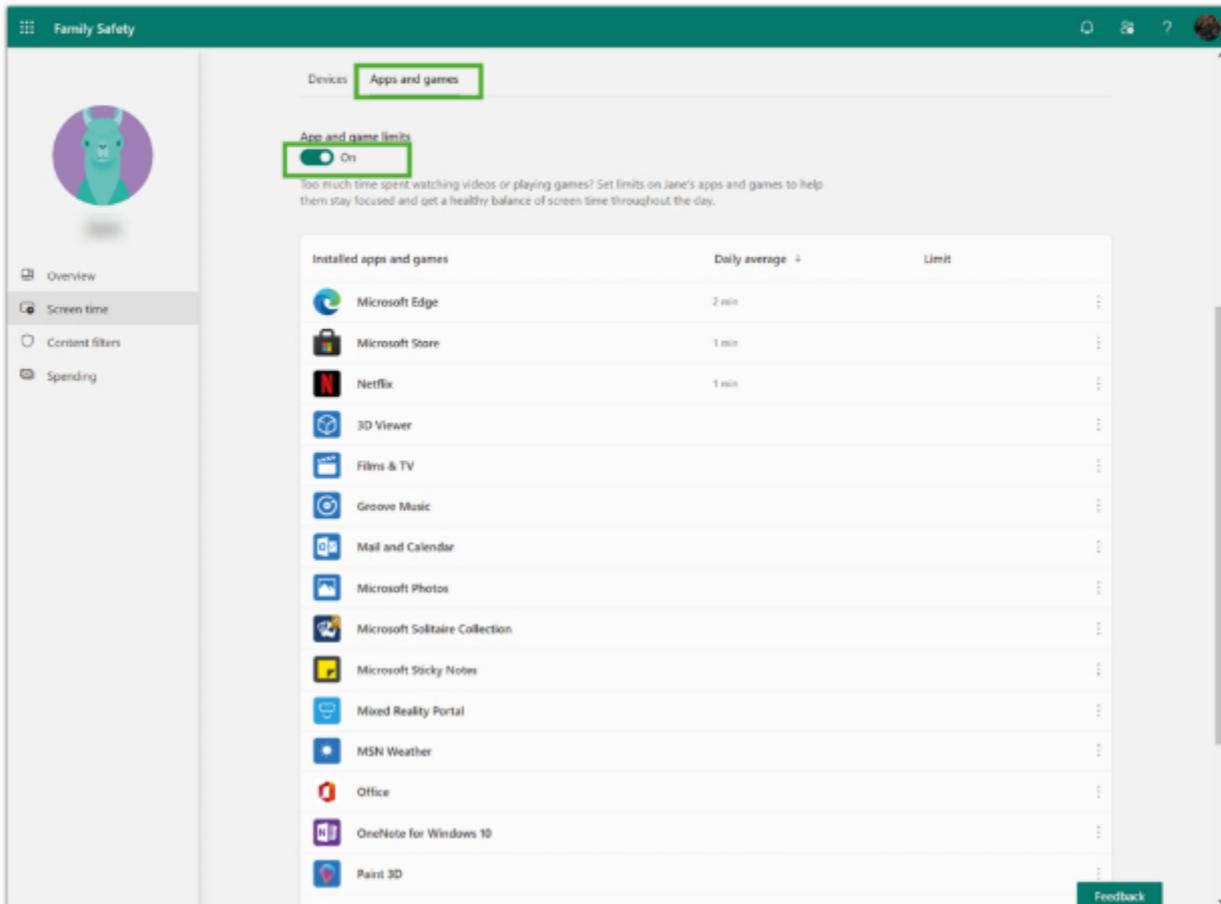


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3. Set age filters

Setting age limits on Windows 11 can filter out age-inappropriate apps, games and media. These settings apply to both Windows 11 and Xbox devices. If children try to access content beyond the age limit, you will need to approve it.

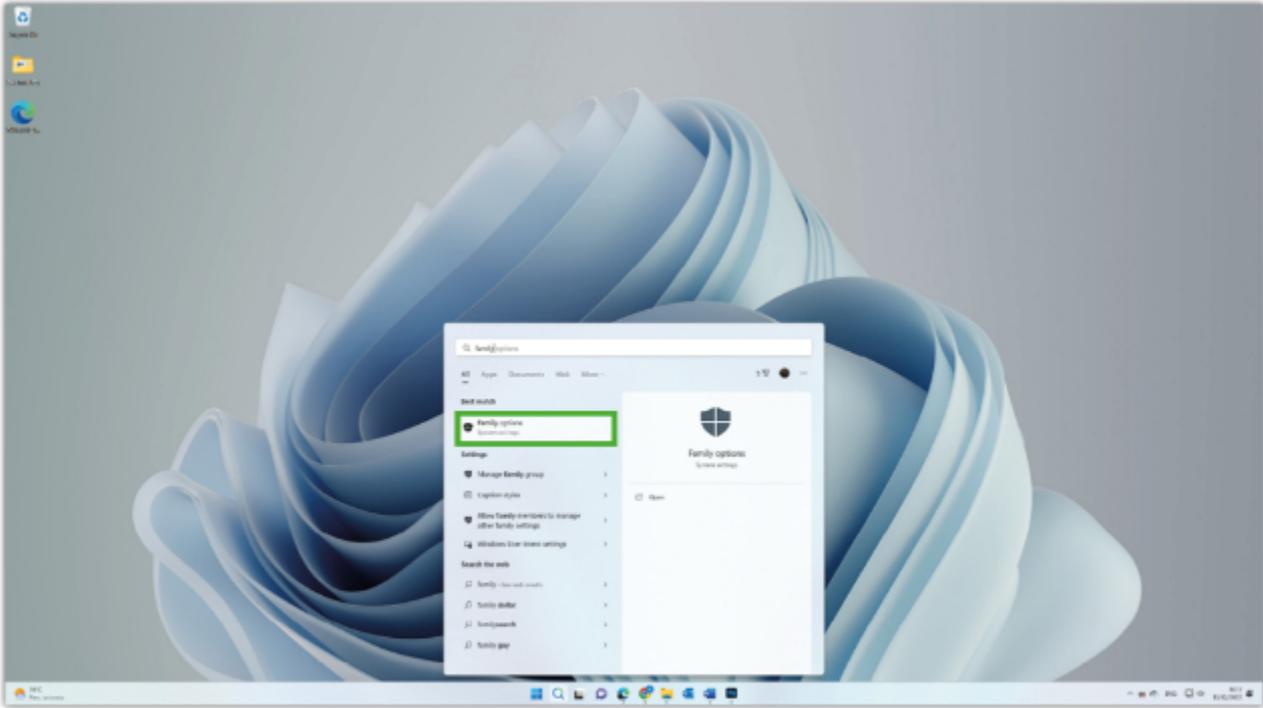
To set up age filters:

Step 1 – From your account, search family options in the centre search bar. Click Family options.

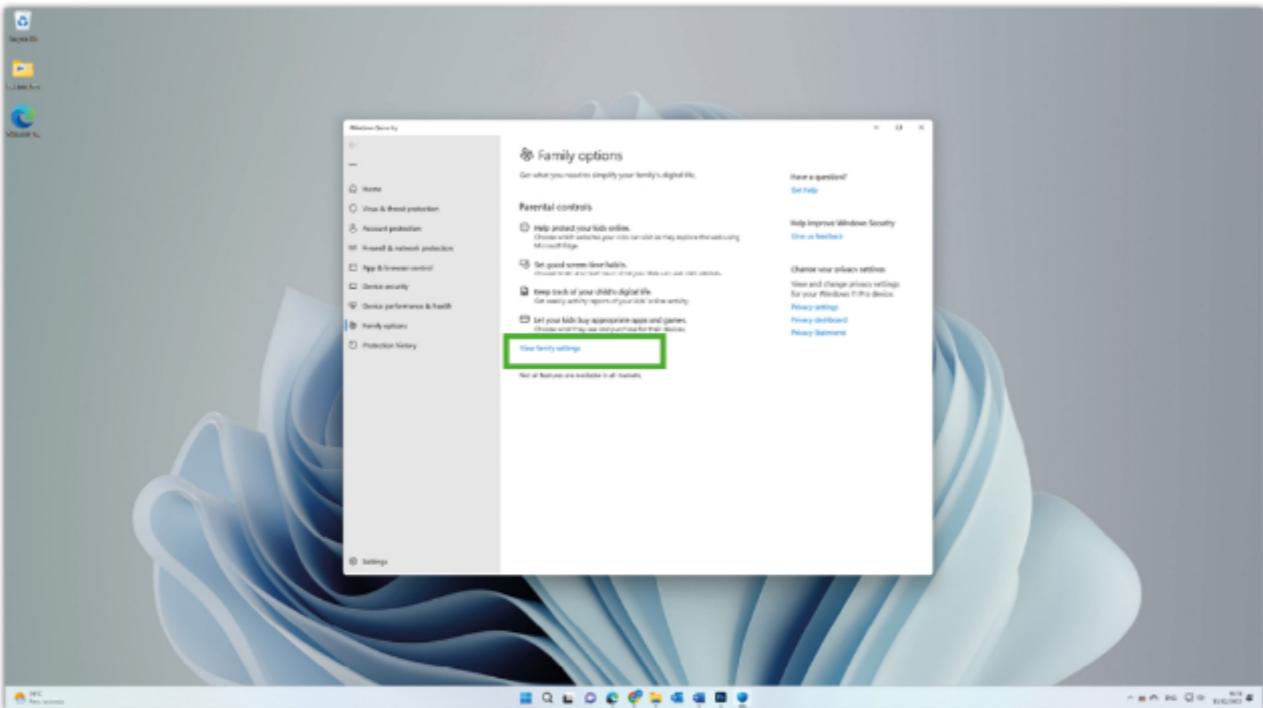
Step 2 – Click View family settings and click on your child's profile. Click Content filters from the left-hand menu.

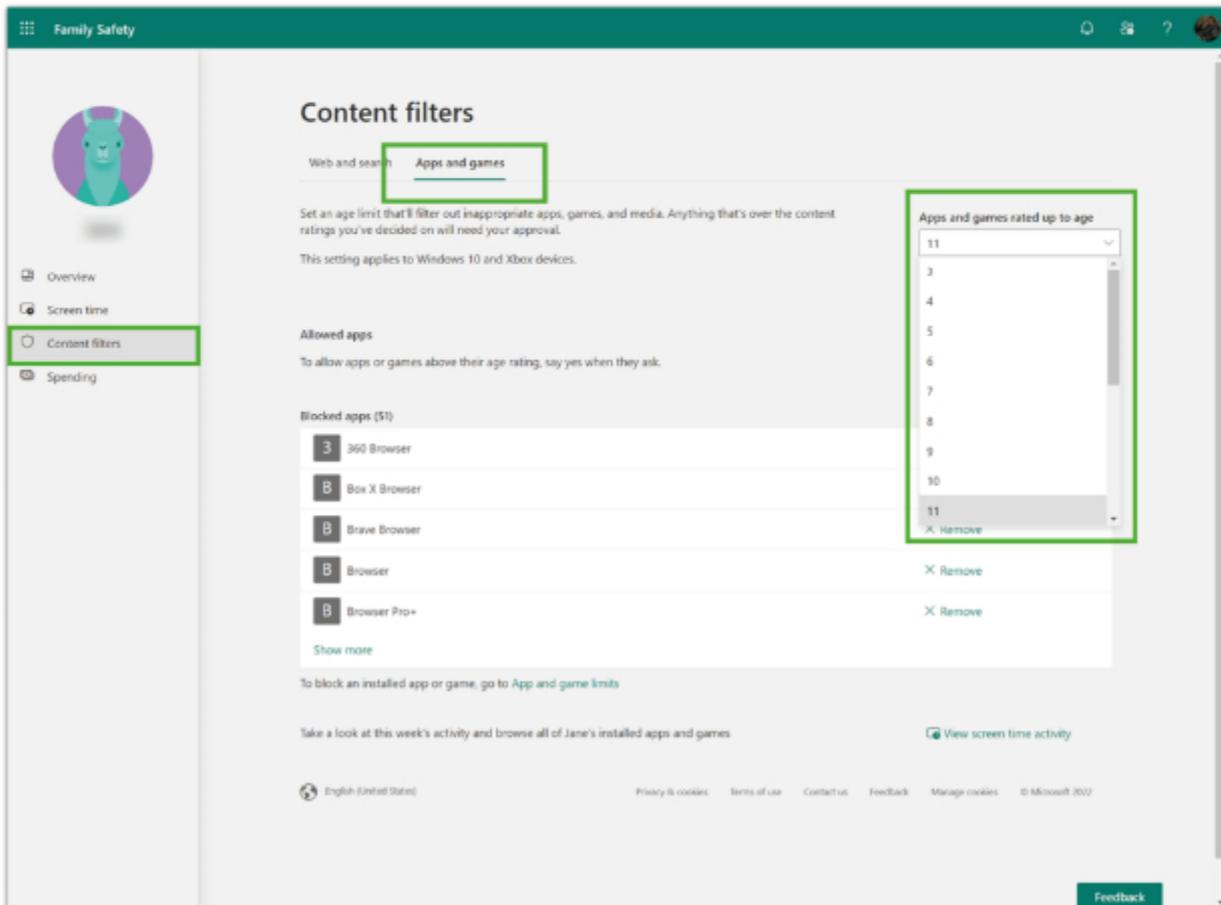
Step 3 – Select up to which age your child can access content for in the right-hand dropdown menu.

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4. Monitor search activity

To help you catch anything troubling or to help you start important conversations, you can monitor search activity with Windows 10 settings.

To review search activity:

Step 1 – From your account, search family options in the centre search bar. Click Family options.

Step 2 – Click View family settings and click on your child's profile.

From the Overview tab, scroll down.

Step 3 – Click on Web and search. Here, you can see potentially harmful search terms and which sites are visited with Microsoft Edge.

Family Safety

Your family

PREMIUM SUBSCRIBER

You



Family organizer since: 2022



Connect [redacted] mobile phone to see their location. [Learn more](#)

12 min screen time today
Updated 2 minutes ago

+

Add a family member

Your Features



Screen time

Set time limits across your kids' devices, apps, and games to help balance their screen time.



Find your family

Make it easy to see where all of your family members are on a map.



Try the Family Safety app

See activity, say yes or no to requests, and even set up location notifications, all while on the go.



Activity reporting

Check in on their activity, plus get a weekly report sent to your inbox.

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Content filters

Web and search | Apps and games

Web safety with Microsoft Edge
Filters and activity reporting only work when Jane is using the Microsoft Edge browser. [Learn more](#)
Connected devices: 1

Activity | This week (7 Oct - 13 Oct)

Flagged search terms (0) | [Preview](#)

Search terms from Microsoft Edge that may be potentially concerning will be flagged and brought to your attention below. Select a flagged search to see more details. Only search terms in English will be detected. [Give feedback](#)

Other search terms (3)

roblox (1) | england (2) | fishing

Websites

Site visits (15)

>	msn.com	Thu at 11:48 AM	16 visits	⋮
>	microsoft.com	Thu at 11:47 AM	11 visits	⋮
>	live.com	Thu at 11:47 AM	5 visits	⋮
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>	wikipedia.org	Thu at 11:40 AM	2 visits	⋮

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5. Block unwanted and inappropriate content

Depending on your child's age, you may want to block their access to certain content. Windows 11 allows you to do that through Family settings.

To block content:

Step 1 – From Family settings, choose your child's profile and click on Content filters in the left-hand menu. Then, select the Apps and games tab.

Step 2 – Add apps that you'd like to block to the list. Browsers other than Edge can be blocked to ensure they can't access content that is blocked on Microsoft Edge elsewhere.

The screenshot shows the Windows 11 Family Safety interface. The top bar is green with 'Family Safety' on the left and navigation icons on the right. A left sidebar contains a profile picture of a llama and menu items: Overview, Screen time, Content filters (selected), and Spending. The main area is titled 'Content filters' and has two tabs: 'Web and search' and 'Apps and games' (selected). Below the tabs, there is a dropdown menu for 'Apps and games rated up to age' with options from 3 to 11, and a 'remove' option. The 'Blocked apps (5)' section lists: 360 Browser, Fox X Browser, Brave Browser, Browser, and Browser Pro+, each with a 'Remove' button. A 'Show more' link is below the list. At the bottom, there are links for 'View screen time activity', 'English (United States)', 'Privacy & cookies', 'Terms of use', 'Contact us', 'Feedback', 'Manage cookies', and '© Microsoft 2022'. A 'Feedback' button is in the bottom right corner.

6. Microsoft Family Safety app

For ease of use, Microsoft created the Family Safety app, which can be used with Windows 11 and across devices.

To set up Family Safety:

Step 1 – Download and install the app on all devices you want to include. It's free unless you want additional features like location and driving alerts.

Step 2 – Sign in to each device using your family members' Microsoft details. Then, you'll be able to monitor activity across devices and use the same features outlined in the instructions above.

