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MINECRAFT



Minecraft is a video game that allows the player to build, destroy and create whatever they can imagine. You are placed onto a map that has an endless amount of resources for the player to use to create armour, weapons, build, find food and other activities in order to survive the environment and the monsters that inhabit the area. Minecraft can be played in single player mode, local multiplayer mode or in *Minecraft Realms* which gives you the option to play with hundreds of players online at one given time.

Minecraft is suitable for ages 7 and above. Although, it is always a good idea to make sure your child is supervised and understands how to stay safe before giving them access to a game that allows them to communicate with strangers.

Minecraft Realms

Minecraft Realms allows you to play with up to 100 players at one time. Players can publicly and privately chat to each other over the inbuilt game chat feature which may lead to other apps being involved for communication, such as: Discord and TeamSpeak. The inbuilt chat can be disabled to allow the user to enjoy online gaming without the unwanted communication with strangers.

How To Disable In-Game Chat:

1. Log onto Minecraft and click on 'Options' on the main screen.
2. Click on 'Chat Settings'
3. Click 'Chat: Shown' until it reads 'Chat:Hidden'

Challenges

Playing Minecraft in single player does not put the user in any danger from other players, however playing in Minecraft Realms or multiplayer mode may put your child at risk of inappropriate behaviour, harassment and other forms of online cyber bullying.

Reporting Inappropriate Behaviour

Users who enter publicly joinable realms are subject to the rules and regulations of the player who created the realm.

Inappropriate behaviour is to be reported to the administrators of the realm--typically volunteers and in-game players--and will be actioned inhouse rather than through the creators of Minecraft.

Like any online game Minecraft can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who they are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

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