

HIT THE BOOKS OR THE DIGITAL DEVICE/ INTERNET?
A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE -WHAT I HAVE LEARNT

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**IF YOU COULD MAKE ONE WISH ABOUT DIGITAL MEDIA
AS A PARENT WHAT WOULD IT BE....**



CREATING A HEALTHY HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

Digital material

- " Content – education, fun
- " Types- licensed or unlicensed
- " Safety- audit, history
- " Style- verbal, audio-visual, interactive
- " Devices- laptops, PCs, iPad, iPhone, TV (internet based)
- " Costs- free vs. Paid

Your home- home sweet home 😊



Your child(ren)

- " Curious and inquisitive
- " Needs- physical /emotional /psychological
- " Support for education and extracurricular for personal development, SEN (learning needs)
- " Age and growth(maturity)
- " Peer pressure

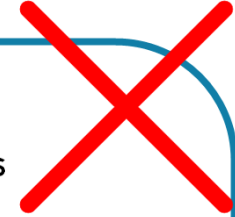
BENEFITS VS HARM

PROS



- " Volume of information
- " Ease of access
- " Increased independence
- " Selection of material- variety of topics
- " Record keeping
- " User friendly- graphics more engaging and interactive
- " Low cost
- " Flexible approaches
- " Speed of communication with peers- globally

CONS

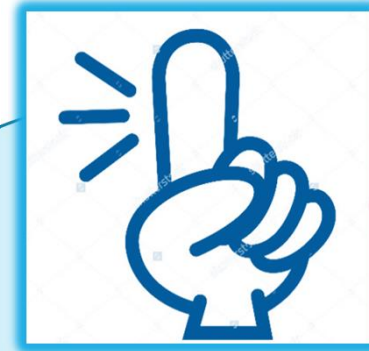


- " Security/restrictions challenges
- " Age appropriateness
- " Volume of information
- " Addictive
- " Quality varies- certification, accreditation
- " Little F2F interaction
- " Self discipline required to avoid distractions
- " Requires self direction or specialist knowledge
- " Loss of social interaction

RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL PARENTING.....

House Rules

- Set ground rules
- Be aware
- Use parental controls
- Be savvy
- Have fun- be creative, put your family stamp on it
- Be brave- challenge!
- Identify the RIGHT support- Seek help (?school)
- Be divergent
- Have a routine
- Set an example-DO AS I DO NOT JUST AS I SAY!
- Be ready to feel obtuse



This can be a rewarding journey of discovery with your child using formal and informal learning techniques, it can guarantee the development of enduring transferable skills and stronger relationships (MO)

EVEN TECHY PARENTS HAVE RULES...

Mr Gates, like many other parents, also imposes rules on gadget use in the house, and is constantly trying to figure out where to draw the line.

set a time after which there is no screen time and in their case that helps them get to sleep at a reasonable hour

always looking at how it can be used in a great way – homework and staying in touch with friends – and also where it has gotten to excess



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Despite building one of the world's biggest tech companies, Steve Jobs strictly limited his children's use of technology

Asking whether his children liked the new device, Jobs replied: "They haven't used it. We limit how much technology our kids use at home."

Every evening Steve made a point of having dinner at the big long table in their kitchen, discussing books and history and a variety of things. No one ever pulled out an iPad or a computer," he said. "The kids did not seem addicted at all to devices.



OTHERS ALSO SAY.....

Chris Anderson, former editor of Wired magazine and co-founder of drone manufacturer 3D Robotics, told him his children accuse him of being overly concerned about technology, saying none of their friends have the same strict rules when it comes to their gadgets.

Anderson said: "That's because we have seen the dangers of technology first hand. I've seen it in myself, I don't want to see that happen to my kids."

SOME RESOURCES ACROSS THE LIFE STAGES

1-3 year olds



2 OUT OF 3 use tablet



From age 6 children may use the internet without supervision – for example, when doing homework



Pre-teens and Teens may use/share personal information,

**All age
(general
/family)**

YouTube kids- biographies, reality (not explicit), BBC Bitesize, Familylearning.org.uk, National geographic, subject specific Apps,

**Pre-
school
(0-5)**

BBC learning TV series- e.g. alphablocks, YouTube kids- phonics, rhymes, counting, colours, shapes, language

**Young
children
(6-10)**

YouTube kids- biographies, reality, Child-friendly search engines such as Swiggle, Kids Search and Kiddle,

**Pre-
teens
(11-12)**

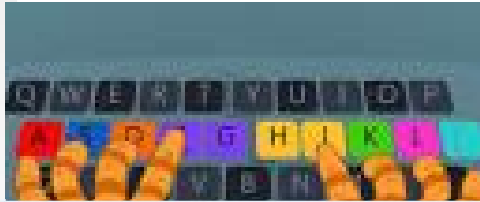
BBC Bitesize, Wikipedia, <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

**Teens
(13+)**

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/resources/>

Adapted from <http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk>

ODDS AND SODS.....



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Further reading



How to talk to with your child about online safety

You know that it's important to talk to your children about using the internet safely. This? Psych explains



Online safety for special needs children

The internet presents different challenges for children with autism or



work with young people (find out more on the [ParentZone](#) website). You can also see more issues of the magazine (PDFs) by clicking on each of the cover images below.

Learning & Fun Advice Tools

Issue 5 (October 2016)

Looking for a way to start that all-important conversation about social media, gaming and other online activities with your son or daughter? Check out the latest issue of Digital Parenting magazine now.

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR CHILD SMARTEN UP

Mangahigh



There are a lot of online learning resources out there, and it is often hard to sift through plain ugly! That is why it is so great to find a resource that offers one-stop-shopping

Mangahigh is a completely free, online website that offers a wide range of engaging Math games and learning resources for students. It is designed to be used in the classroom to assign homework, track results, and identify areas of weakness for each individual student. In that way, it's like having a personal tutor.



Learning Games for Kids

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- Typing Speed Test
- Cup Stacking
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- Speedy Speller Typex
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IS THIS REALLY LEARNING MADE EASY?



vs



CRISPY GOLD DIGITAL NUGGETS...



- If your child has a smartphone, make sure they know about the risks of sharing images, and encourage them to use Friendly WiFi when away from the home
- Parental controls exist so parents can filter out all offensive content, but when you feel that your child is old enough, and after discussing it with them, you may decide to turn them off

- important you trust your child to make smart choices online with your help and guidance
- How much content does your child/ren need?

- Talk to your child about what they see online and ask them about their concerns
- think carefully about allowing your child on social media. If you do decide to, make sure they reveal no personal information and choose privacy settings so they only share with family and friends they know offline. A strong password is also essential

- How can we parents influence digital content?- e.g. need for Google kids, Spotify kids. Use online surveys, give feedback, write reviews, be a mystery shopper
- How do we know when it's time for a spring clean?
- Any other ideas?

