



Parental Engagement Activity

Family Spending Agreement

Think Before You Spend - Family Plan

Work together as a family to create a simple agreement about spending money in games and apps.



1 Talk about real experiences

Start by discussing:

- Have you ever been asked to buy something in a game?
- What made you want it?
- How did you feel before and after?



2 Explore the risks and benefits

Together, talk about:

- What is good about in-app purchases?
- What could go wrong?
- Why do games try to encourage spending?



3 Create your family rules



Write 3-5 simple rules together.

4 Plan what to do in tricky situations



Agree what your child should do.

5 Make it real (important step)



- Decide who to ask for permission
- Agree when it is okay (if ever) to spend
- Talk about what happens if a mistake is made

Our Family Online Spending Rules

Write 3-5 simple rules together:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Examples: Always ask before buying anything • Never use someone else's account without permission • Wait and think before purchasing • Check if it uses real money

If I want to buy something online...

Agree what your child should do:



I will _____



I will check _____



I will ask _____



Remember:

Always stop, think and ask before spending money online.



Reflection

Ask your child:

- What would you do if a game tried to rush you into buying something?
- How would you feel if money was spent by accident?
- What is the safest choice?



Optional Creative Extension

"My Top Tips for Safe Spending"

Your child can create:

- A mini poster
- A checklist
- A "gamer guide"

To show:

- ✓ 3 rules for safe spending
- ✓ What to do if unsure



Key Message

I think carefully and always ask before spending money online.



Parent/Carer Tip

Support your child to:

- ✓ Understand that in-game purchases use real money
- ✓ Recognise pressure and persuasive design in games
- ✓ Always ask before making purchases
- ✓ Talk openly about spending and consequences



Bring into school

Please bring this completed task into school. Your child will add it to their computing book.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

At Trinity School, safeguarding our children is our highest priority. If you have any concerns about your child's online safety or wellbeing, please contact the school.

Further support and information

- NSPCC - nspcc.org.uk
- UK Safer Internet Centre - saferinternet.org.uk
- CEOP - ceop.police.uk
- Common Sense Media - commonsensemedia.org



For more advice and guidance, please visit the Online Safety page on the Trinity School website.