3. Surf the internet safely

Like all tablets, the iPad has internet access, and users can browse the web using Safari. In the same way that some parents choose to use filters on computers, there are many options for limiting internet access. You can speak to your home internet provider to see if they have any options for filtering internet access. Look at our how-to tutorials to see how you **set up parental controls** onto your hub so they cover all devices in the family.[6] If you have signed up to a 3G contract, you could speak to your mobile operator about filtering options. There are also some apps designed to help filter web access. However, filtering isn't always 100% effective and should not replace a conversation between parents/carers and children about safe and responsible internet use and knowing what to do if something goes wrong See the **FAQ about internet access** in our **How to Stay Safe Guide** for more information.[7]

There are parental control settings to disable the following iPad functions:

» **Safari:** To prevent your child going online, you can disable the Safari internet browser (like Internet Explorer or Google Chrome on a computer)

» **Restrict Specific websites**: If you want more control on what your child does or sees online, you can block certain websites that you have deemed inappropriate for them. Go to **Restrictions** and click on **Websites** and add new if would like to add a website to block.

4. Understand access to Music, Films and TV

On the iPad, the iTunes Store allows you to purchase music, films, TV programmes and music videos. Some of this may not appropriate for children (and there may be costs) so there are some settings which can help with this (though note that these settings only work for content at the iTunes Store, not all content available online).

On the iPad there are parental controls which can help you:

» **Set age restrictions for TV, Films and Music in the iTunes Store**: Find the parental control settings and select the maximum age ratings you wish to allow for **Music and Podcasts, Movies, and TV Shows**. It is a good idea to select your country in **Ratings**, as ratings do vary from country to country.

» **Prevent your child downloading films, TV or music in the iTunes Store**: Find the parental control settings and select **Off** for iTunes. This setting switches off iTunes Store so that your child cannot download any new Films, TV or Music. They will still be able to access content which they have uploaded from an iTunes account on a computer; you can change the settings on iTunes on your computer as well, setting up age restrictions or disabling the iTunes Store.

5. Protect personal information

Most users have a lot of personal information stored on their devices, including photos and videos, and they may also have automatic logins set up for email, social networking and bank accounts.

» **Set a passcode**: It is always a good idea to set a Passcode, so that if someone does steal or find your iPad then they can't access any personal information you may have stored on it. In **Settings** select **General**. Then select **Passcode Lock**. In **Require Passcode** you can select how long your iPad should wait before locking. By selecting **Erase Data** your iPad will delete all data after ten attempts at the passcode (although young people may wish to switch this **Off** if they are worried friends might do this as a prank!).

» **Prevent your child from sharing their location**: Location services allow applications such as maps and social networks to pinpoint your location. You can disable Location services on iPads by going to the parental controls and selecting **Off** for **Location**. Newer iPads have more tailored settings. You could, for example, disable location services for Facebook but allow your location to be used in Maps so you can find out where you are. Have a look through the different options and decide what is appropriate for your child. By then selecting **Don't allow changes** this locks the app-specific settings you have chosen and would prevent any new apps from using location services.

☐ Further Information

Check out the websites of your mobile provider to see what support they provide.

Find out about apps in the iPad App Store:
https://itunes.apple.com/gb/genre/ios/id36?mt=8

Read Apple's advice about iPad parental restrictions:
http://support.apple.com/kb/ht4213

For up-to-date information on online risks and practical advice for parents, read the hot topics section on the Childnet website:
www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics

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6   How to set up filtering: http://tinyurl.com/d6z6y74
7   Safer Internet Centre: http://tinyurl.com/lk4355c