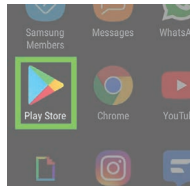# Google Family Link 🪁 parental control

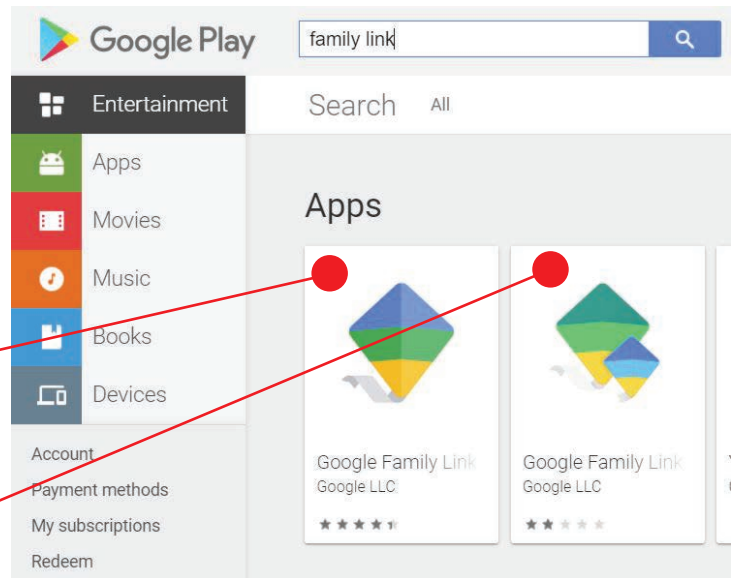## Complete guide to: ▶ install
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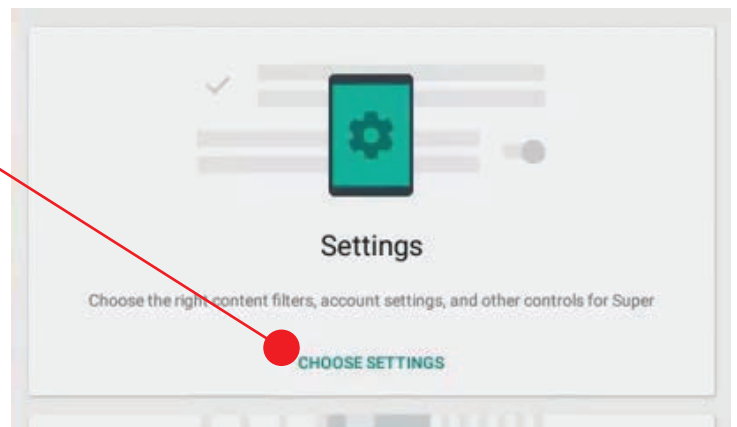
From the Google Play Store

download and install:

"**Google Family Link for parents**"
on parent's device

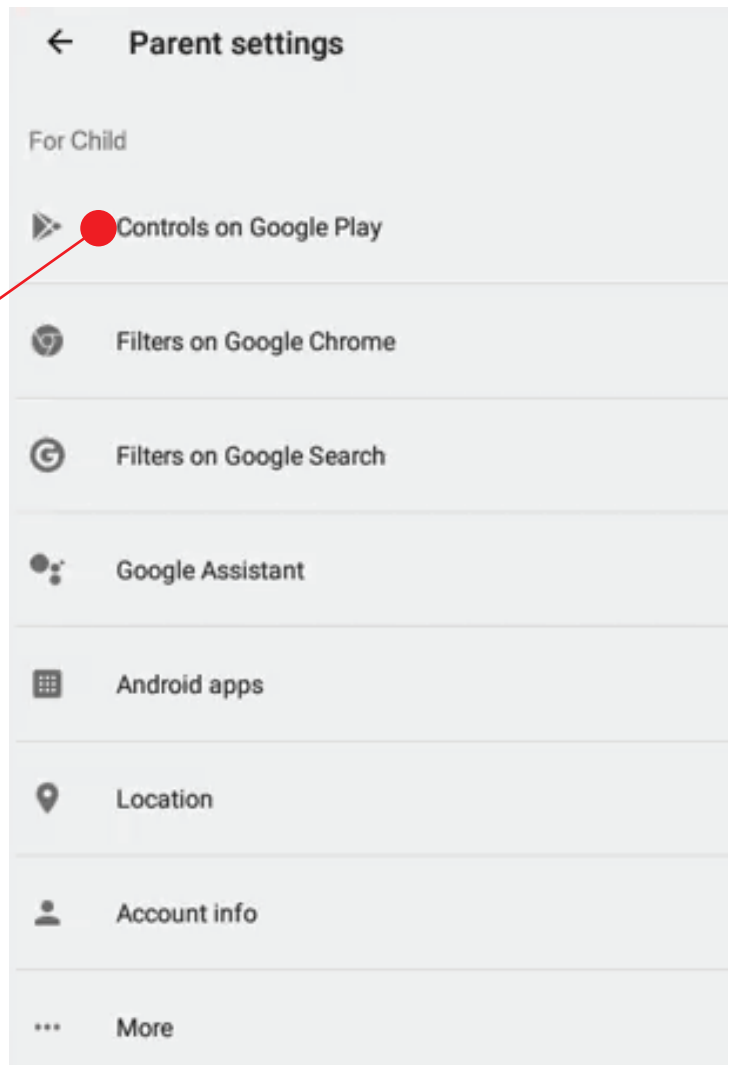"**Google Family Link for children & teens**"
on the child's device

Open the apps on your device and on your child's device,
follow all the steps to finish installation.

Google Play — family link

Entertainment | Search   All
Apps
Movies
Music
Books
Devices

Account
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Apps

Google Family Link
Google LLC
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Google Family Link
Google LLC
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In your parent *Family Link* access to your
child's profile and enter in the **Settings**

Settings

Choose the right content filters, account settings, and other controls for Super

CHOOSE SETTINGS

Enter in "*Controls on Google Play*"

← **Parent settings**

For Child

▷ Controls on Google Play

◉ Filters on Google Chrome

Ⓖ Filters on Google Search

● Google Assistant

▦ Android apps

◉ Location

👤 Account info

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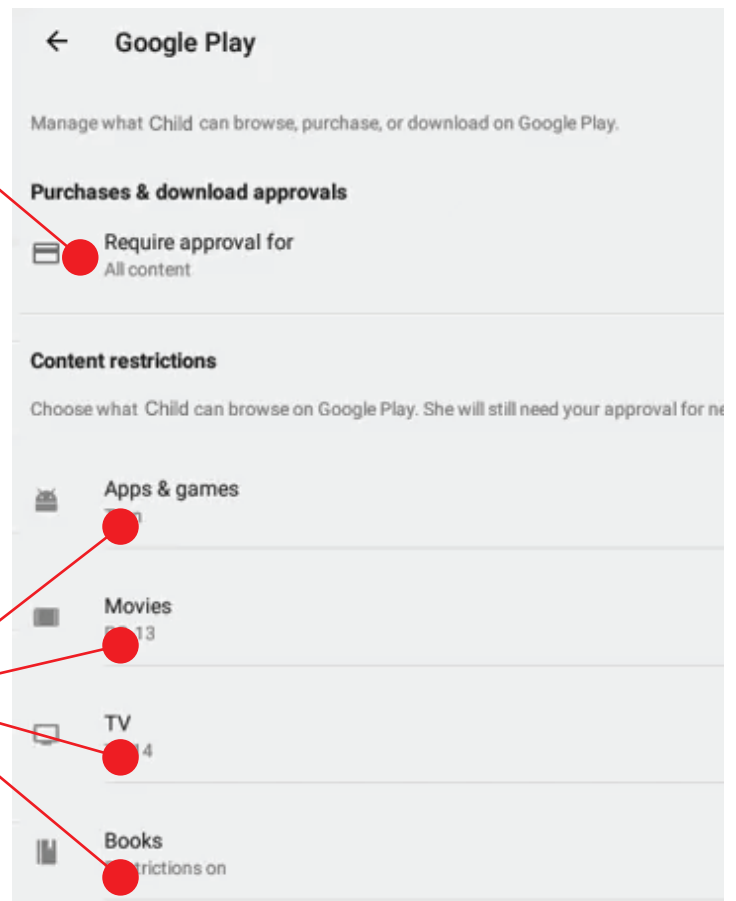
In "*Purchases & download approvals*"
be sure to set "*Require approval for*" *to*
"All content"

Child may install a new app only after your approval (sent automatically to parent's device).
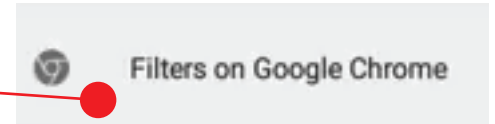
This is **very important** to prevent your child to download and use inappropriate apps, dangerous ones, that you consider unnecessary, promoting phone addiction, or just apps you don't like they use.

Set these to his/her **more appropriate age** restriction.

When in doubt, much better setting a younger age than an older one.

← **Google Play**

Manage what Child can browse, purchase, or download on Google Play.

Purchases & download approvals

▭ Require approval for
All content

Content restrictions

Choose what Child can browse on Google Play. She will still need your approval for ne

Apps & games

Movies
13

TV
4

Books
rictions on

In *"Parent settings"*,
enter in *"**Filters on Google Chrome**"*

Filters on Google Chrome

Set the Chrome filter to
*"**Try to block mature sites**"*

or to *"Only allow certain sites"*.

← Chrome

You can allow Child to visit all or some sites when signed in to Chrome. Child can ask for permission to visit blocked sites, too.

○ Allow all sites

◉ Try to block mature sites
No filter is perfect, but this should help hide sexually explicit and violent sites. Learn more

MANAGE SITES

○ Only allow certain sites
Approve requests from Child & customize your own list.

MANAGE SITES

To manage website permissions and other advanced settings, use the Chrome dashboard.

Later, remember to unistall or **block** all the **other internet browser** apps (firefox, safari, opera,…).
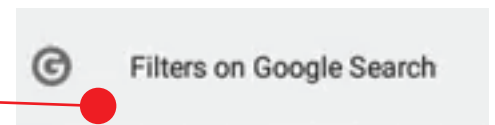Alternatively install another kids safe web browser that filter any adult/inappropriate content.

Make Chrome or the alternative browser the **default** one in the phone Settings>AppManager>DefaultApp (this path varies according to the phone model)
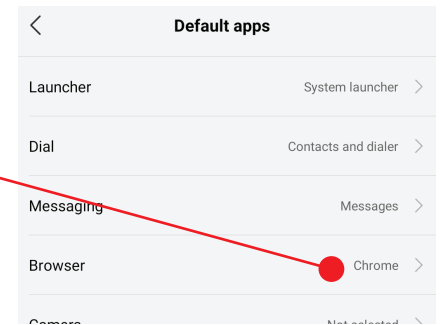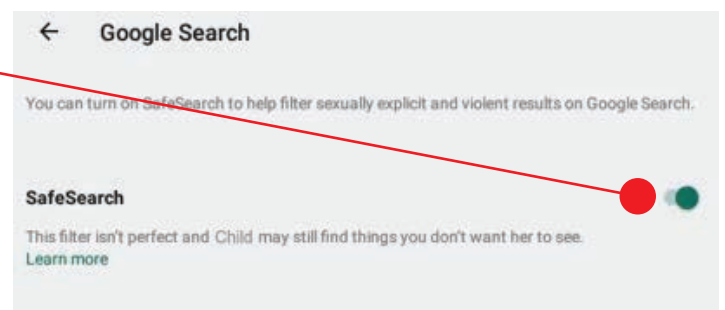
Remember to add **any website of socials** that you wish to block (instagram, facebook, twitter, reddit, …they are accessible by the web too).

< **Default apps**

Launcher   System launcher >

Dial   Contacts and dialer >

Messaging   Messages >

Browser   Chrome >

Camera   Not selected

In *"Parent settings"*,
enter in *"**Filters on Google Search**"*

Filters on Google Search

Turn on the switch of *"**SafeSearch**"*

← Google Search

You can turn on SafeSearch to help filter sexually explicit and violent results on Google Search.

SafeSearch
This filter isn't perfect and Child may still find things you don't want her to see.
Learn more

In *"Parent settings"*, enter in *"**Google Assistant**"* .

Turn off the switch of *"**Third-party apps**"*

← Google Assistant

With the Google Assistant, Child can play games, ask questions, and get things done. Learn more

Third-party apps
Allow Child to interact with Apps for Families made by third parties
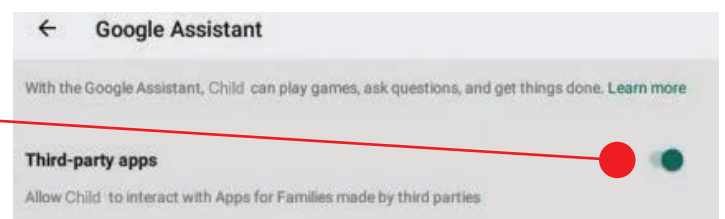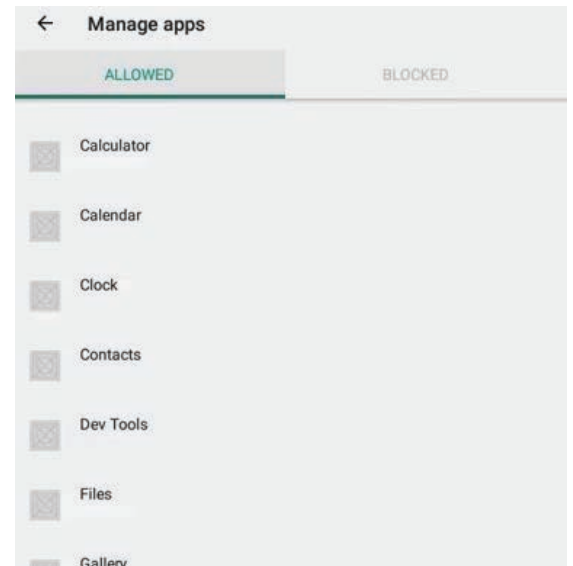
In "*Parent settings*",
enter in "**Android apps**"

Android apps
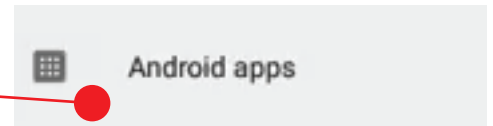
Select **any app you wish to block**
and all the **browsers** except *Chrome*.

To prevent Parental control hacking, be sure to
block *"Google assistant"*.

Optionally it could be useful to block any **Files browser**
too.

On child's device

It's strongly suggested that you block or unistall "**YouTube**",

install "**YouTube Kids**" instead
(it is still the same YouTube but without any inappropriate video,
according to the age you set it, from 0 to 18 yo)

In "YouTube kids" create your child profile, set his/her
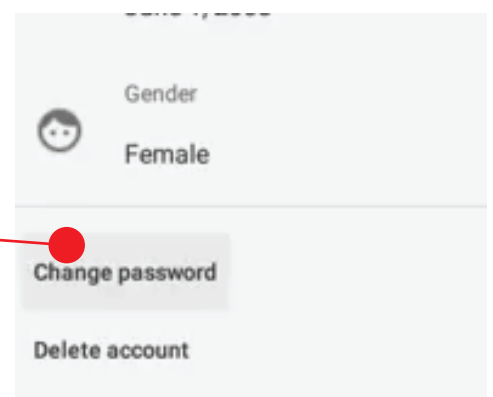age, create a secret passcode for the setting.
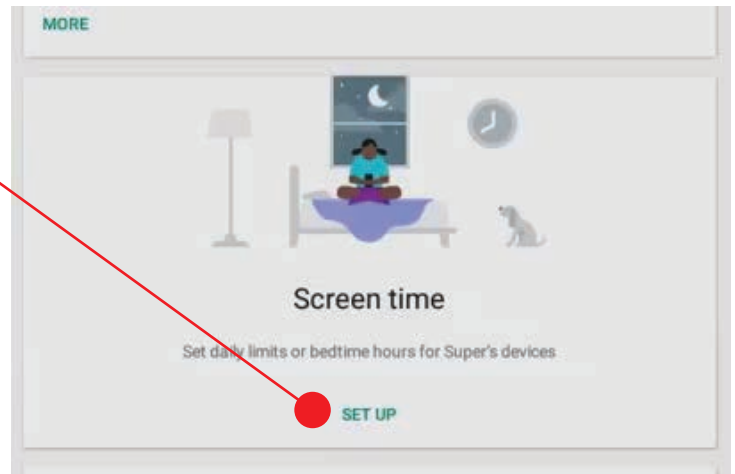

In "*Parent settings*",
enter in "**Account info**"

Account info
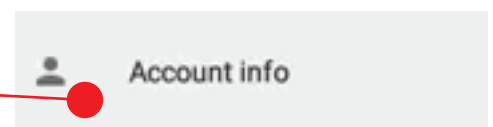
Be sure **only the parent knows the child's
Google account password**,

if you need change it here

Gender
Female

Change password

Delete account

In your parent *Family Link*,
in your child's profile, enter in the ***Screen time***
setting

MORE

Screen time

Set daily limits or bedtime hours for Super's devices

SET UP

One of the most useful feature of the parental control app is just the **screen time restricton**, it prevents screen addiction leaving time to much more healthy activities. According to experts studies, too much screen time means possible eyesight problems, some abnormal brain development, posture issue, sleep deprivation and antisocial behavior.
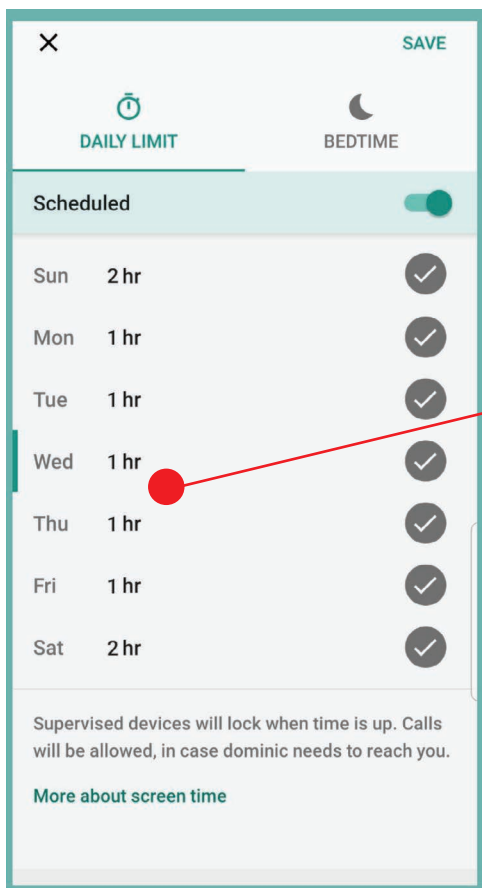
To prevent that doctors strongly recommend:

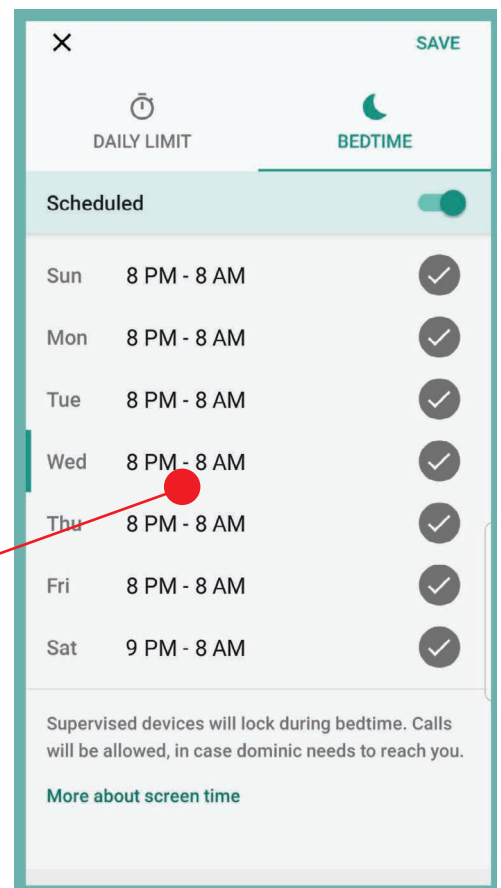**under 12** yo, **maximum 1 hour a day** of screen time;

over 12 yo until 18 yo, maximum **2 hours a day** of screen time, but if the teen uses other devices too at school, PC or TV during the day, the limit should be **still maximum 1 hour a day** on phone.

To ensure a good sleeping habits it's very important to **block the child's device at night**, for **kids as well as for teens**.

To prevent brain overexcitement before sleeping and subsequent disturbed sleep, better to block the device **at least 1 hour before bedtime**.
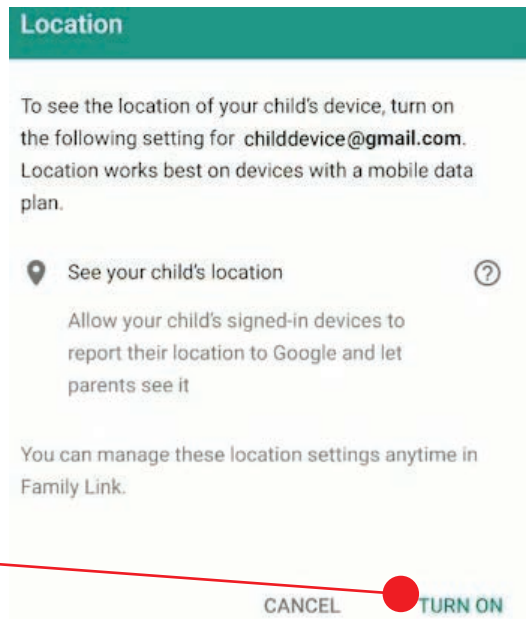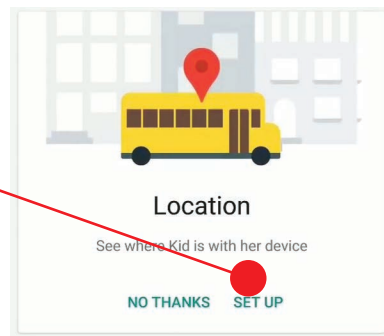

×		SAVE
DAILY LIMIT		BEDTIME
Scheduled		⬤
Sun	2 hr	✓
Mon	1 hr	✓
Tue	1 hr	✓
Wed	1 hr	✓
Thu	1 hr	✓
Fri	1 hr	✓
Sat	2 hr	✓

Supervised devices will lock when time is up. Calls will be allowed, in case dominic needs to reach you.

More about screen time

Set daily limit to
maximum 1 hour a day

×		SAVE
DAILY LIMIT		BEDTIME
Scheduled		⬤
Sun	8 PM - 8 AM	✓
Mon	8 PM - 8 AM	✓
Tue	8 PM - 8 AM	✓
Wed	8 PM - 8 AM	✓
Thu	8 PM - 8 AM	✓
Fri	8 PM - 8 AM	✓
Sat	9 PM - 8 AM	✓

Supervised devices will lock during bedtime. Calls will be allowed, in case dominic needs to reach you.

More about screen time

Block the device at night
and 1 hour before bedtime

In your parent *Family Link*, in your child's profile, go to *Location* and **Set up** it.

Location

See where Kid is with her device

NO THANKS   SET UP

Location

To see the location of your child's device, turn on the following setting for childdevice@gmail.com. Location works best on devices with a mobile data plan.

📍 See your child's location   (?)

Allow your child's signed-in devices to report their location to Google and let parents see it

You can manage these location settings anytime in Family Link.

CANCEL   TURN ON

This is another important feature of the parental control that is totally worth activating.
Turn on it here

Be sure on your child's device Family Link has android **administrative privileges**.
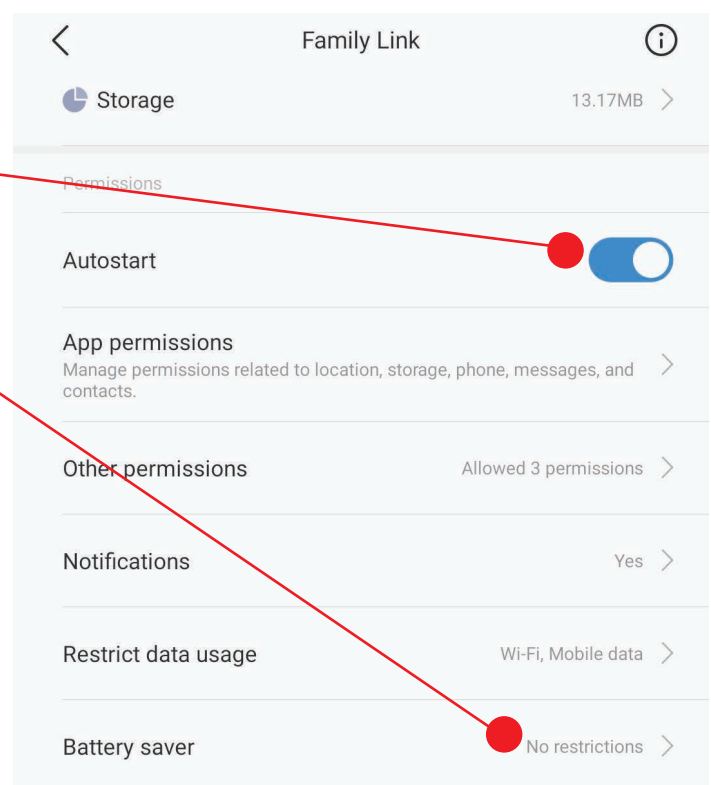
By default after installation it should already have this admin privilege, otherwise go in your child's device settings, find "*Device admin apps*" or similar tab (it depends on phone, usually it's in Settings>Privacy>DeviceAdminApps) and give to "*Family Link Manager*" and/or "*Family Link*" this privilege.

Device admin apps

Family Link Manager
Family Link Manager can help you manage your kid's device.
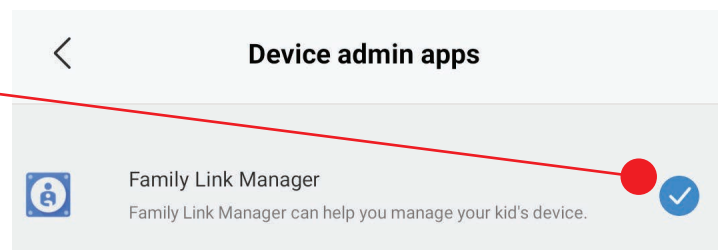
In your child's device go to Settings>Apps>FamilyLink

Be sure **Autostart** is switched **ON**

Be sure there are **NO** *battery saving* options for this app.

Family Link   (i)

🔵 Storage   13.17MB >

Permissions

Autostart   🔵

App permissions
Manage permissions related to location, storage, phone, messages, and contacts. >

Other permissions   Allowed 3 permissions >

Notifications   Yes >

Restrict data usage   Wi-Fi, Mobile data >

Battery saver   No restrictions >

Block your child's device **settings** with another app, it's much better do that to prevent parental control bypassing and time changes to hack screen time limit.

There are many **free apps lock on PlayStore** but be sure these are not easily stoppable.

LOCKit - App Lock by *SuperTools Corporation* is a very good tested free one with easy installation and setting.

Install on your child's device "***LOCKit - App Lock***" by the PlayStore.

Open it and **set a pass code** (keep it secretly, only the parent must know that)

Enter in the ***App Lock***
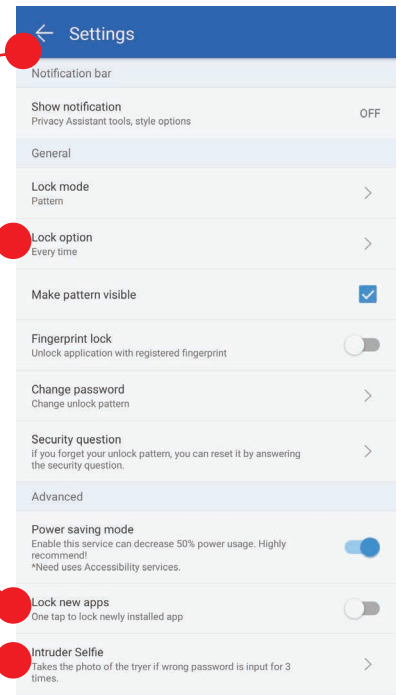
Follow the 3 steps to set LOCKit in the right way
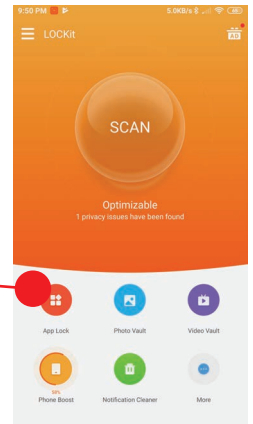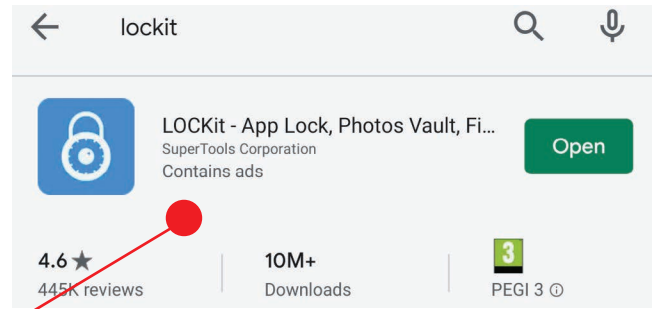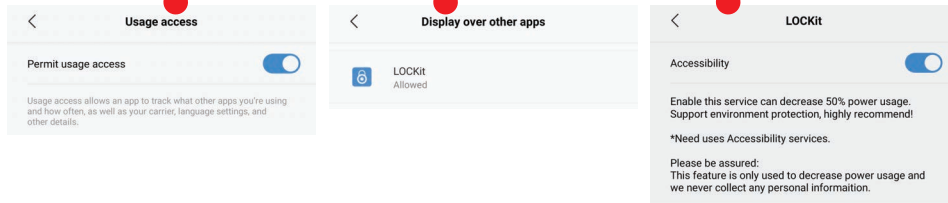
In the LOCKit setting

set "Lock option" to "Every time"

Switch off "Lock new apps" (it's already done by Family Link)

Activate "Intruder selfie"

It's very important to **block the phone Settings**.

Remember to block "**Google assistant**" too if you have not done so already in Family Link, as **YouTube** (to replace with YouTube Kids), **other browsers** and other apps.

It performs the **same function of "Android apps" in Family Link** so you don't need to block here any unwanted app, but it's essential you **use LOCKit to block the phone Settings** since you cannot do that in Family Link.
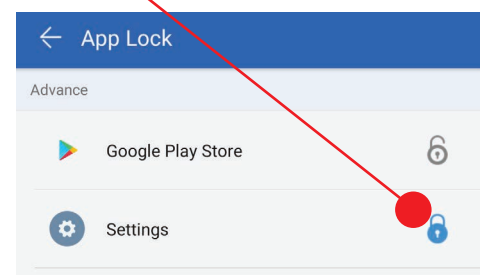
Best parents tips:

Occasionally take their phone and straight **personally checks their phones**, apps and messages.

Check their activities not only on Family Link but in **their Google account too**, you will find some more small report about online activities, mails, gps history, web history,...

Only the parents should know the passwords for any social app, google account and any requested subscription, children should not have the possibility to know and change that.

If a double access is allowed, install their social apps on your device too, **access with their account** and check what they posted.

If you allow them some social, **be their friend or follower** to see what they post online (be careful, on some social they can share things only with a selected group of people).

The majority of problems and the most serious events about electronics and internet happen just in the last teen years (15-18), it's always much better to **keep active the Parental Control until the total teen-years end**.

The parent can always allow more time and less control temporarily on occasion, but generally in everyday life it's much better keeping the Parental Control.

Don't be worried about putting limits and restrictions, it concerns their well-being, safety and healthy growth ...one day **they will be grateful to you for that!**