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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to share growing concerns about the online gaming platform Roblox and to encourage you to review and discuss its use with your children. Last year's investigation by Hindenburg Research raised serious safety and wellbeing issues that may affect many children — even when Roblox appears harmless or "just for fun." [Forbes+2Game World Observer+2](#).

This has been highlighted to me from a concerned parent at our school and following a review of the information given and guidance from Knowsley City Learning Centre who we use for our monthly internet safety newsletters I felt it was necessary to email out to you all.

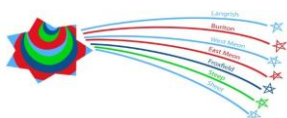
⚠ Key Risks Identified

- According to the report, Roblox reportedly hosts numerous spaces that may expose children to extremely inappropriate content — including sexual content, violent games, and chatrooms where explicit material is shared. Hindenburg described the platform as an "X-rated paedophile hellscape," citing instances of child-pornography trading, sexual roleplay, and games with disturbing themes accessible to under-13 users. [Game World Observer+2Activ8Insights+2](#)
- The firm also found that content moderation and safety procedures appear insufficient. While Roblox relies on human moderators (some reportedly paid very low wages), many problematic groups and games seemed to evade filters. [CTOL Digital Solutions+2mi-3.com.au+2](#)
- Another concern: the platform's business model and reported metrics — including numbers of daily active users and engagement hours — may be inflated by bots or alternate accounts, rather than genuine, supervised children. This suggests that parts of Roblox's user base do not consist of children supervised by parents, which could increase the chance for unsupervised exposure to harmful or inappropriate activity. [CNBC+2Game World Observer+2](#)
- Finally, while Roblox claims to have safety and moderation tools, many of these safeguards may be ineffective unless parents proactively enable and monitor them. [The Guardian+2Q4 Capital+2](#)

What this means for our children

- Even with parental controls, children may — intentionally or accidentally — access content or chatrooms that are not appropriate for their age.

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- There is a risk of contact with strangers or potential predators via chat or social features, especially if safeguards are not strictly enforced.
- The freedom and unpredictability of user-generated content means that content can change rapidly, and moderation cannot guarantee a completely safe environment.
- Younger children may be especially vulnerable if they don't understand the dangers or if settings are misconfigured.

What Parents/Guardians Can Do

- Review your child's Roblox account together — check privacy & chat settings; consider disabling social features or restricting playtime.
- Talk openly with your child about online safety, the risks of chatting or interacting with strangers, and what to do if they encounter anything disturbing.
- Consider supervising or limiting their use, especially for younger children.
- Stay informed: it may not be enough to assume the platform is safe just because many children use it.

Our Recommendation

Given the serious risks identified, I advise parents to carefully weigh whether to allow children — especially those under 13 — to use Roblox. If children do use it, I recommend strict supervision, use of all parental controls, and frequent conversations about what they see or experience online.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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