Using Guided Access with Apple products

Guided Access is a function available on Apple mobile devices. It allows you to lock your Apple Smartphone or tablet onto a single app and lets you control which features of that app are available whilst the Guided Access feature is enabled.

You can use Guided Access to:

· Temporarily restrict your iOS device to a single app – so your child won't be able to swipe out of the app by accident

· Disable areas of the screen - for example so that your child can't accidentally or purposefully close the app, access other areas of the app (such as inappropriate content on a video player like BBC iPlayer) or make in-app purchases

· Disable the hardware buttons, such as the volume, home or on/off button, which younger children might play with or accidentally press

How to set up guided access

To set up Guided Access, follow these simple steps:

Go into your settings menu and then tap Settings > General > Accessibility > Guided Access to set up Guided Access.

1.   Slide the 'Guided Access' button to ON.

2.   Tap on Passcode Settings. You will be asked to set a passcode - this is the code that you will have to re-enter when you want to turn Guided Access off again. Try to choose a code which your child won't easily be able to guess!

3.   You can also set whether you want the device to be able to go into standby mode whilst Guided Access is on (as it would normally when there has been no activity for a while).

4.   Leave Guided Access set to ON and exit to the home screen by pressing the home button. This means that whenever you want to activate Guided Access from now on you just do the following steps...

How to start a Guided Access session

To start a Guided Access session, follow these steps:

1.   Open the app you want to use.

2.   Triple-click the Home button – yes, press it three times in quick succession.

3.   Adjust the settings as required (see below)

* Turn off Volume and Sleep/ Wake button to disable those external buttons

* Turn off Motion to stop your device from switching between portrait and landscape or responding to any other motions

* Turn off Touch if you don't want the device to recognise touch at all

* Adjust the Time Limit settings if you want to set a time limit on the session

4.   Circle any part of the screen you want to disable by dragging your finger around the screen. Any shaded area will no longer be responsive once the Guided Access session is started. You can make the box bigger or smaller as needed once you've drawn it by dragging the corners of the box in or out.

How to end a Guided Access session

If you're using Touch ID (Apple's fingerprint recognition feature) on your iOS device, you can use it to end a Guided Access session.

First, go to Settings > General > Accessibility > Guided Access > Passcode Settings and turn on Touch ID. Now, when you're using Guided Access, you can end the session by following these steps:

1.   Press the Home button once.

2.   Use Touch ID.

If you're not using Touch ID on your device, follow these steps to end a Guided Access session:

1.   Triple-click the Home button.

2.   Enter the Guided Access passcode.

For full   details of
Guided   Access and
other   accessibility
features   available on

iOS, go to https://www.apple.com/uk/accessibility/ios/