

Parental controls guide

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Parental Controls information

Type of guide

Smartphone and other devices

Features and Benefits

Once you've set up a 'Child Account' on your Windows 10 device you can manage your child's activity on the device and online. You get automated reports and weekly email breakdown of their activity to adjust settings if needed.

What specific content can I restrict?



Inappropriate content



Browser access



Apps access

What do I need?

Access to your Windows 10 computer, the administrator account (or an account with admin rights), your mobile phone number, a Microsoft email account for your child and access to it (if your child does not have an account you can create one during the process).

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Log in to the administrator account (or an account with admin rights), from the desktop click on the Windows icon in the bottom left of the screen and then click on the “Settings” cog to open the “Settings” menu.

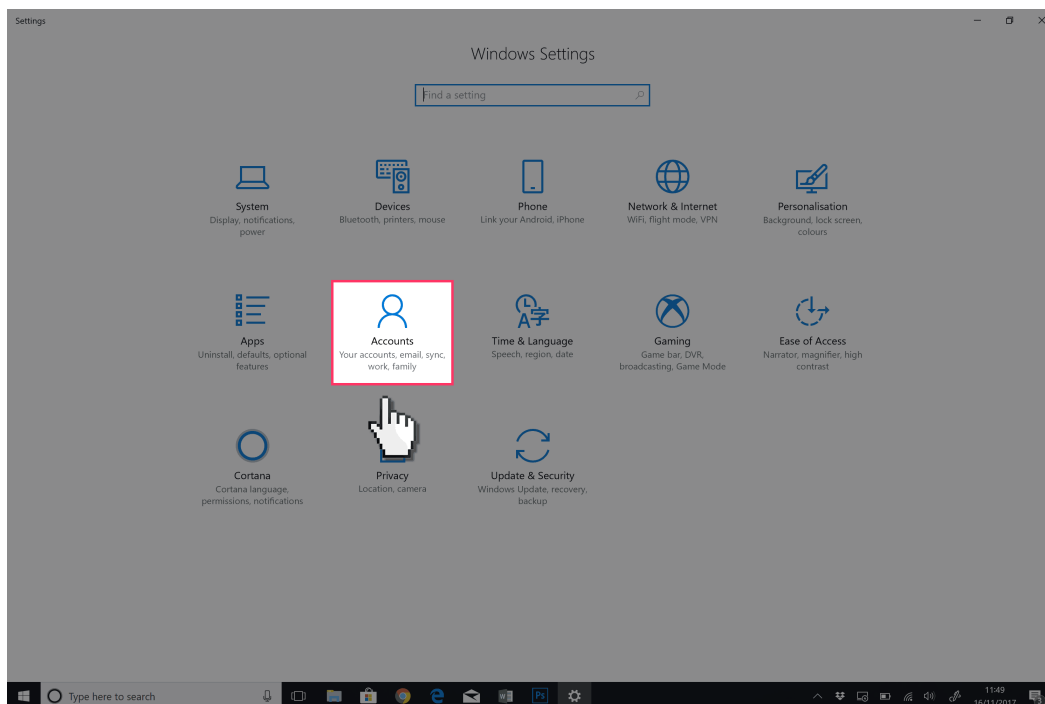


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Click on the “Accounts” section.

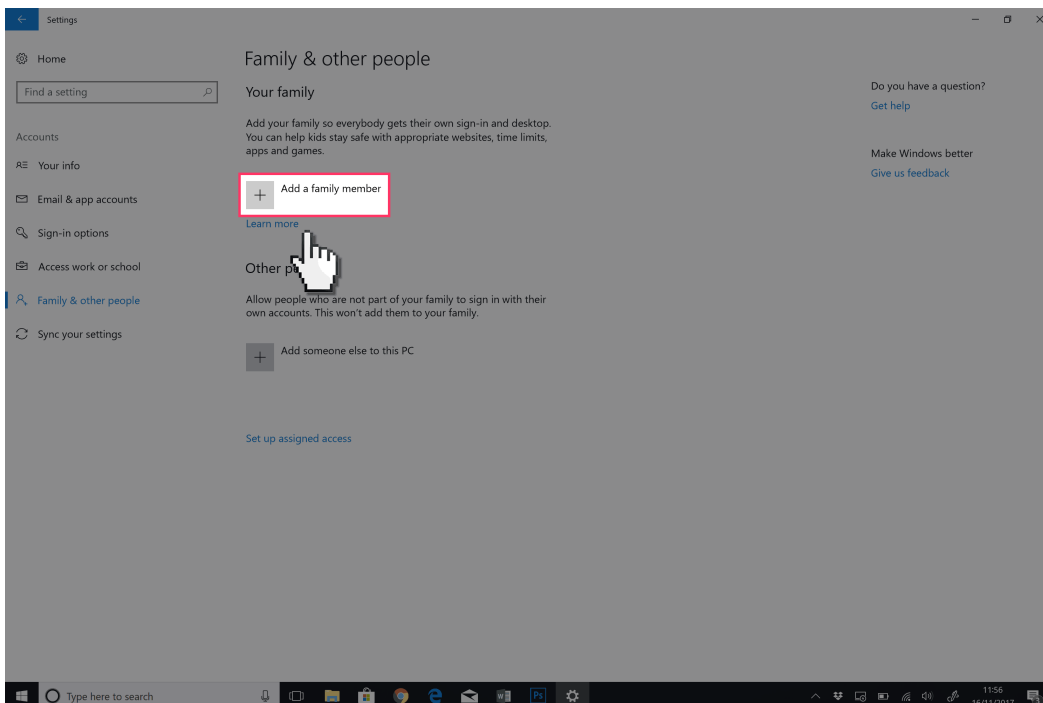


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Click on the “Family & other people” tab and then click on the “Add a family member” link.

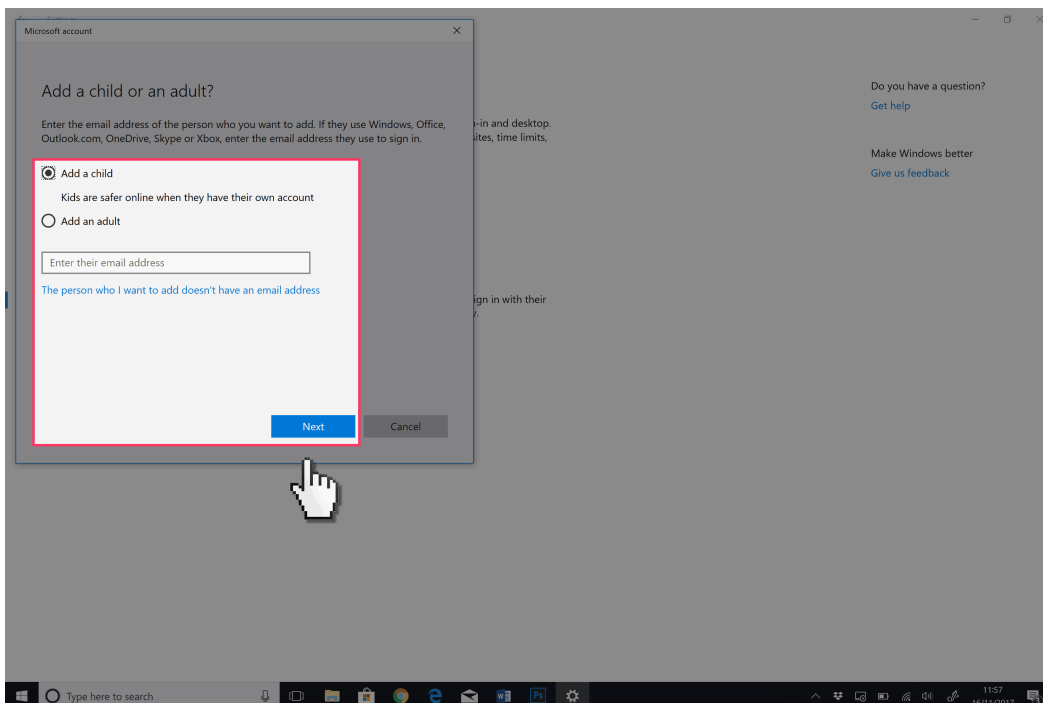


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Select the “Add a child” radio button and then enter your child’s Microsoft email address and click “Next”.

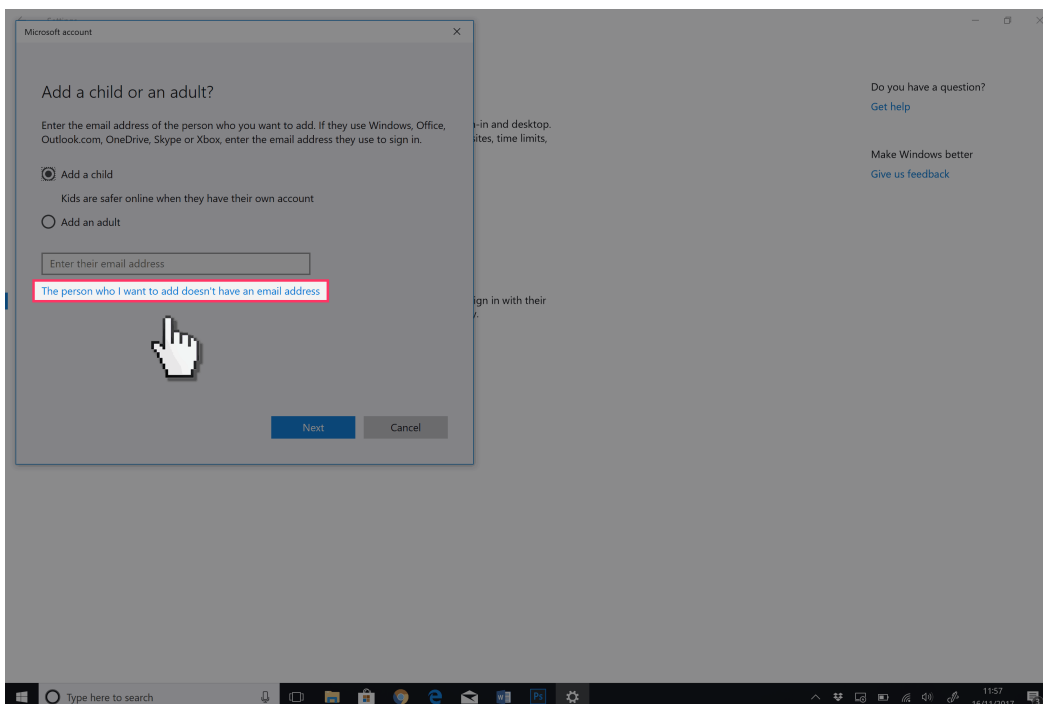


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If your child does not have a Microsoft email address click on the “The person who I want to add doesn’t have an email address” and then register an email address.

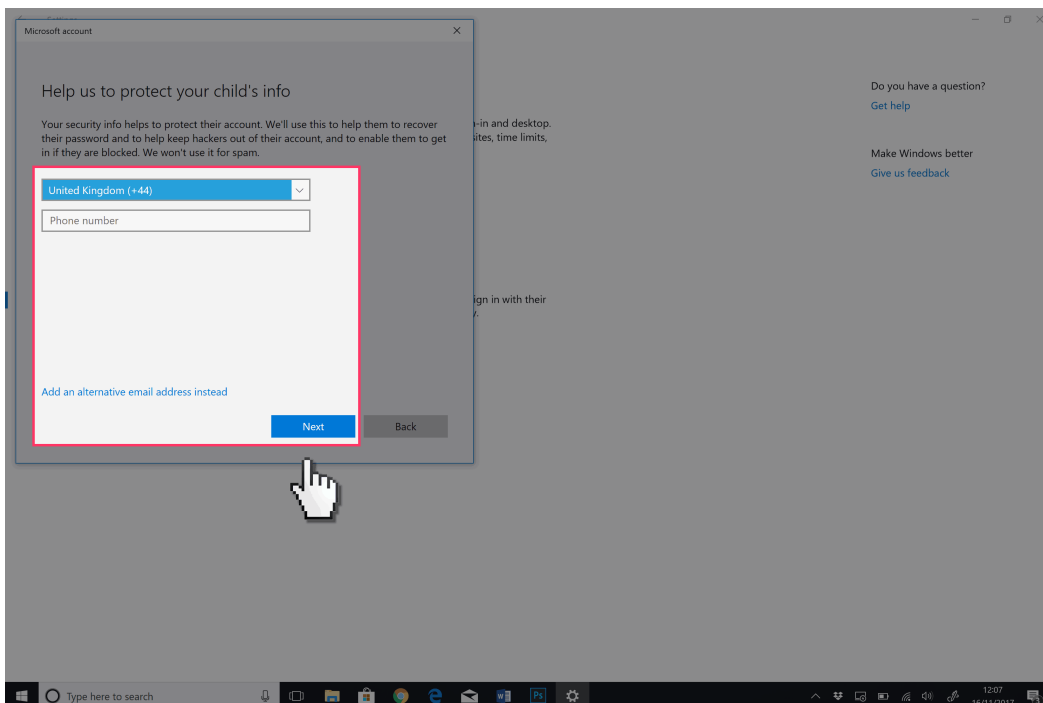


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Enter your mobile phone number and click “Next” then untick both boxes on the next screen and click “Next”.

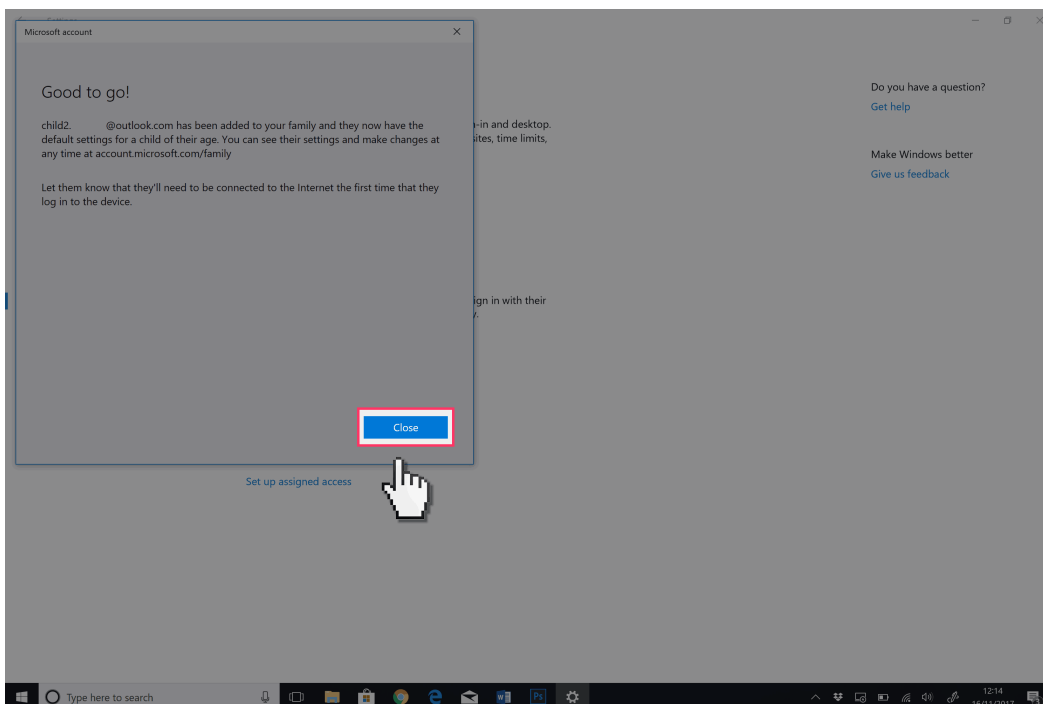


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Read this message and make a note of the “account.microsoft.com/family” web address which you will be using to monitor and alter your child’s account. Click “Close”.

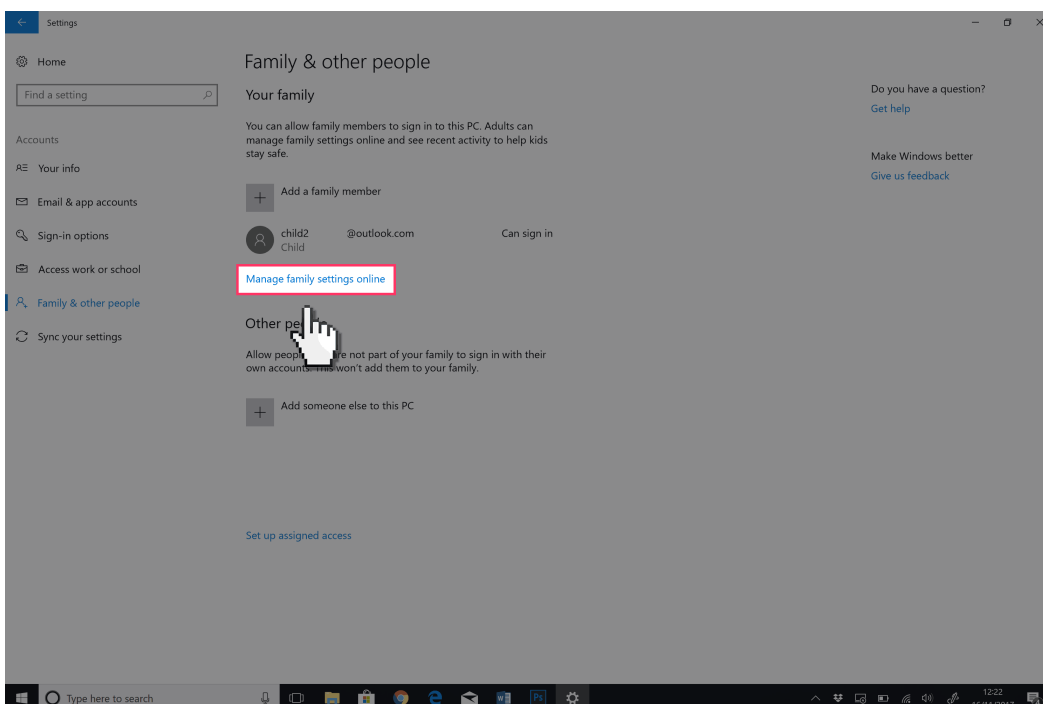


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You will now see the newly created account under “Your family” and they can log into their account on this computer. To ensure your child is protected they must be logged into their account when using the computer. Click on the “Manage family settings online” link.

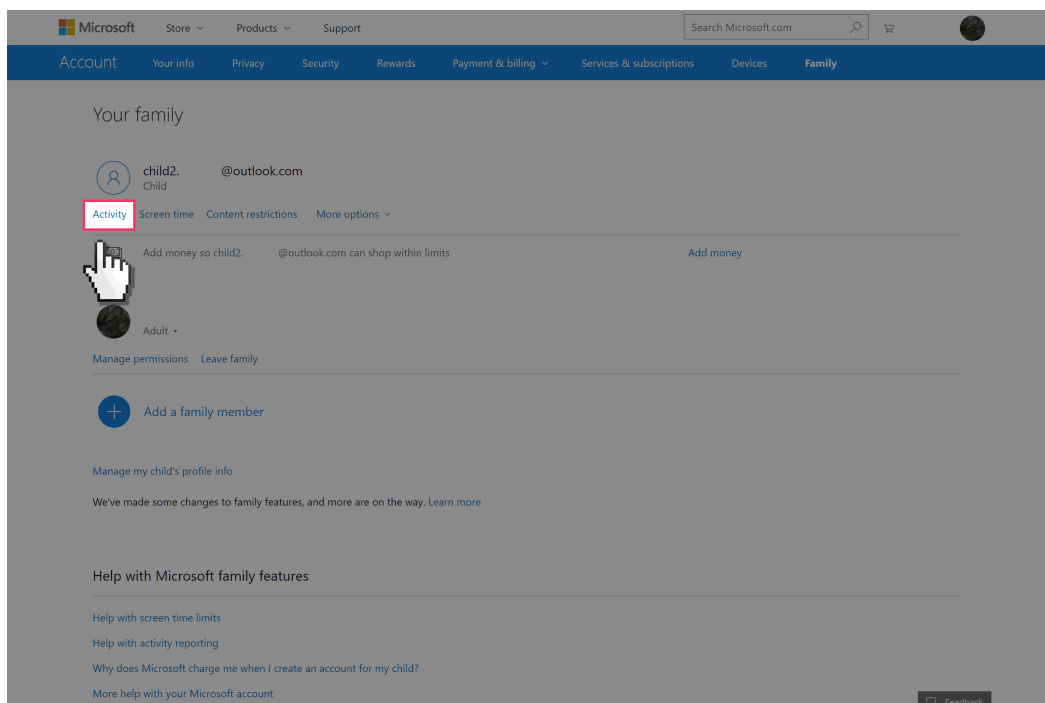


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You will now be on the online platform where you will manage the settings of your child's account. Click on the "Activity" link.

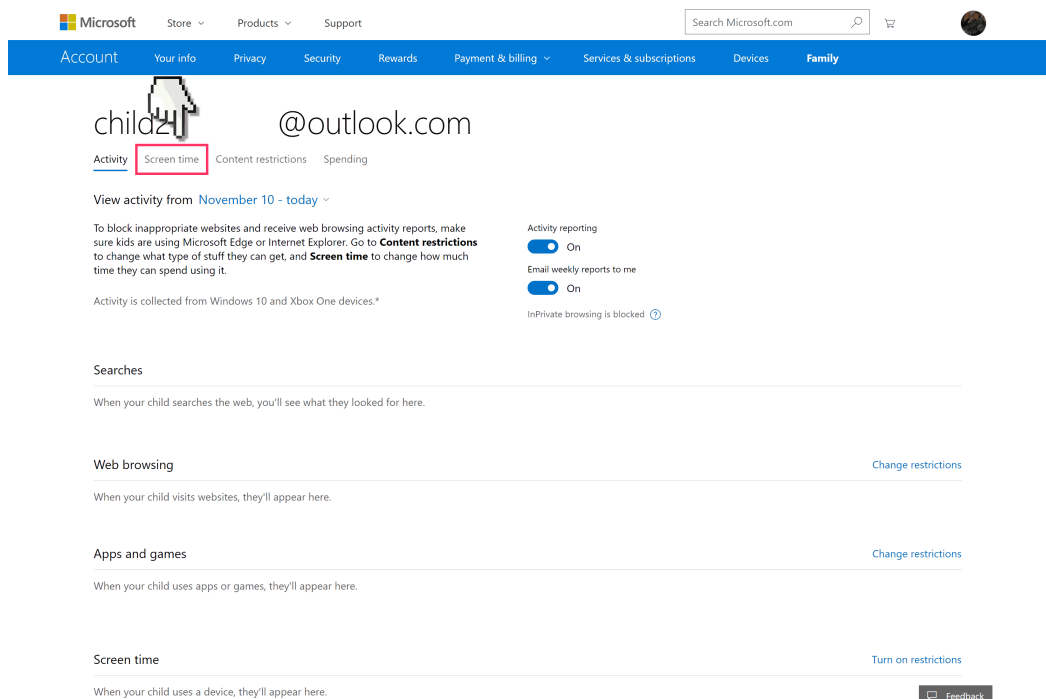


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Here you can set your reports, see your child's web searches, web browsing, Apps and games, and overall screen time. You are free to set restrictions for each of these categories. Click on the "Screen time" link.



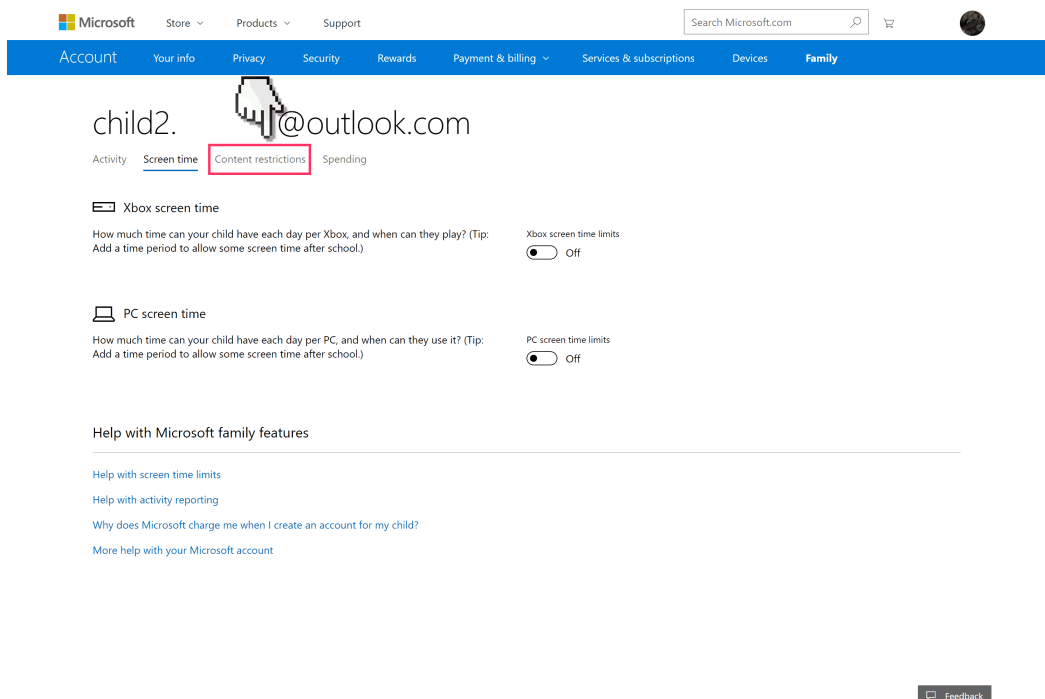
The screenshot shows the Microsoft Family Safety website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Microsoft logo and links for Store, Products, and Support. A search bar and a shopping cart icon are also present. Below the navigation bar, the user's account information is displayed as 'child21@outlook.com'. The main menu includes links for Activity, Screen time (highlighted with a red box), Content restrictions, and Spending. The 'Screen time' section is currently selected, showing options to view activity from 'November 10 - today'. There are also toggle switches for 'Activity reporting' (On), 'Email weekly reports to me' (On), and 'InPrivate browsing is blocked'. Below this, there are sections for 'Searches', 'Web browsing', 'Apps and games', and 'Screen time', each with a 'Change restrictions' link. A 'Feedback' button is located at the bottom right.

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Here you will see the screen time for each device your child's account uses. You can set limits on these devices by activating the "Screen time limits" toggle buttons. Click on "Content restrictions".



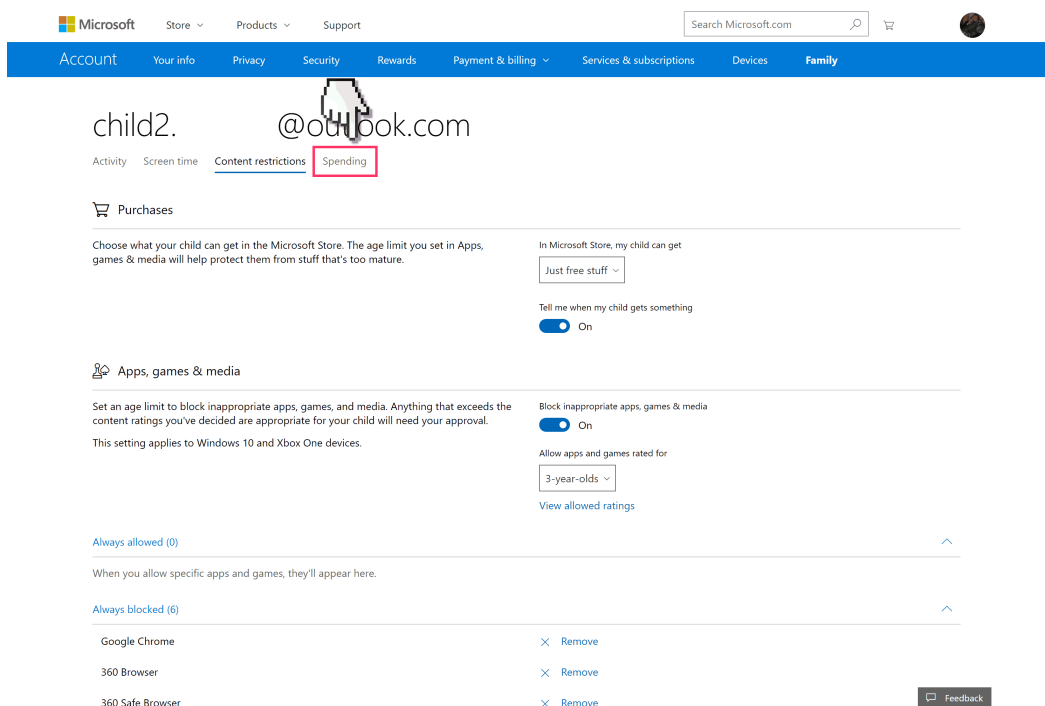
The screenshot shows the Microsoft account management interface for a child's account. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Account', 'Your info', 'Privacy', 'Security', 'Rewards', 'Payment & billing', 'Services & subscriptions', 'Devices', and 'Family'. The user's email address 'child2. @outlook.com' is displayed, with a red box highlighting the 'Content restrictions' tab. Below the tabs, there are sections for 'Xbox screen time' and 'PC screen time', each with a description and a toggle switch for 'Screen time limits'. The 'Xbox screen time limits' toggle is currently set to 'Off'. A 'Feedback' button is located at the bottom right of the page.

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Now we can set what your child can purchase, age limits for games and apps, block applications, and block websites or set a list of websites that are accessible. The web restrictions only work on the Edge or Internet Explorer web browsers so ensure other browsers on your computer are blocked on this page. Click on “spending”.



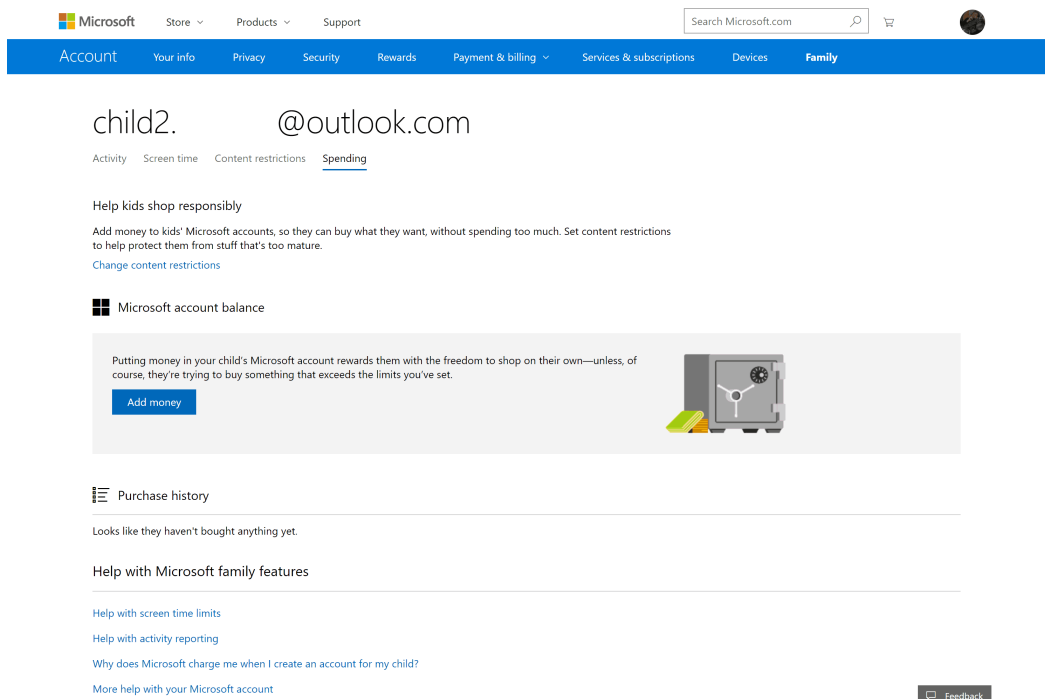
The screenshot shows the Microsoft Family Safety website for a child named 'child2. @outlook.com'. The navigation menu includes 'Account', 'Your info', 'Privacy', 'Security', 'Rewards', 'Payment & billing', 'Services & subscriptions', 'Devices', and 'Family'. The 'Spending' tab is highlighted with a red box and a mouse cursor. Below the navigation, the 'Purchases' section is visible, showing options to limit purchases to 'Just free stuff' and to 'Tell me when my child gets something' (which is turned on). The 'Apps, games & media' section is also visible, showing options to 'Block inappropriate apps, games & media' (turned on) and to 'Allow apps and games rated for' (set to '3-year-olds'). A list of 'Always blocked' apps is shown, including Google Chrome, 360 Browser, and 360 Safe Browser, each with a 'Remove' button.

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On this page, you can set if your child is able to purchase anything from the Microsoft Store as well as their purchase history.



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