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# **Some Notes On Computers For Kids**

Anyone who has not been in a young children's classroom for thirty years or almost certainly even ten years might have a hard time guessing which age group the apparatus is meant for. Kids these days are much more aware of what adults would call the 'adult world', because kids grow up so fast now that they are invading the adult world.

There are still plenty of adults who are wary of computers, but not a lot children are that frightened by them. Children love the Internet and are not worried about using computers to access it. Older individuals have a reverence for computers that children have never picked up.

They are not in awe of them - there is no mystique about computers for them. Computers are just normal items to them. Kids might not understand how they function, but hey! that's true of most things as far as children are concerned.

This is maybe something that parents should take into account when preparing their children for school or even kindergarten - not that children need a great deal of encouragement to get on the Net. Most parents have more trouble keeping them off it!

Anyway, the fact is that many modern kindergartens have computers for the kids to get on line. This does not mean that the children are being forced to go on line, it is merely that there is a lot of educational material on line that teachers can use in these times of cut-backs on resources and kids and their parents expect to see a computer in the classroom too.

It is worth talking to the school teacher and finding out what degree of computer knowledge is looked for in kids going to that school. It will not be high, but it is worth making sure that they are up to that level, even if it is only so that they do not feel out of place in class.

The access that these school computers have to the Internet will be quite restricted, so there is no need to worry that the kids will be accessing inappropriate material and you ought to set up an 'account' or 'user profile' on your home computer that is similar to the one in school.

This is done by the use of programs known as 'net nannies'. You can also use the net nanny built into Windows and you can block individual web sites too. Enquire of what system is in use at school and how it is configured. Copy that onto your home computer but only configure your children's account(s) with it.

This means that everyone in the house will have to log in at home: The kids will log in to an account with limited access and the adults will log into an account or accounts with unlimited access. This is not hard to set up.

This is not a foolproof method of preventing older children from accessing unsuitable web sites, but it is all you will need for keeping young children safe, although parents ought to always show an interest in what their children are doing on line and they ought to alter their passwords regularly.

Owen Jones, the author of this article, writes on a number of subjects, but is now concerned with the [Internet router](#). If you would like to know more, please visit our website at [Best Router For Gaming Online](#)

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