# **YOUR TIPS** FOR A HEALTHIER SCREEN TIME

'How much is too much screen time for children?'



Birth to 5 years

to 10 years

to 17 years

### Waking up



No screen time between birth - 24 months





Waking up without screens. It is recommended that social media/screens are not used for the first hour of the day



Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.

#### Hours per day



2 - 5 year olds no more than 30 mins/day

No screen time between birth - 24 months





'Walk, run, ride a bike, anything that gets kids up, outside and off their screens'



Watching lots of short videos is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.

#### Leisure



Avoid using a device to

settle your child down. Instead try a book, a game outdoors, or just a cuddle



Try and ensure screen-free time together'



Keep active

'Encourage physical activity, ideally outside. for 1-2 hours'

Stay active. More green time, less screen time





Reports suggest adults touch their phones over 2000 times a day.

## Sleep Hygiene



Under 5s should not use a screen

at least 2 hours

before bedtime

'Bedtime stories are the best and healthiest way to settle your child'



'Buy an alarm clock so that screens are not in the bedroom'



No screens at least 1 hour before bedtime

Accepted by **NHS** England Mental Health Leads

'Studies have shown a clear link between excessive screen time and issues such as delayed speech and language development, short-sightedness, communication difficulties, reduced concentration spans, poor sleep and mental health problems.'

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