



# PARENTS GUIDE TO NINTENDO 3DS™ & 2DS™

From the moment they wake in the morning, children instinctively gravitate towards the toys and games they see others playing. So when your child comes home from school wanting to join in with the Nintendo fun, where do you start?

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# IT STARTS WITH THE RIGHT CONSOLE



While there are many choices available, Nintendo has been making family-friendly games for over 30 years, and offers characters and experiences not found anywhere else. Parents can rely on Nintendo's pedigree of innovation, as seen with its groundbreaking Nintendo DS™ and Wii™ consoles, supported by a wide range of family games with exclusive franchises like Mario and Pokémon™.

The Nintendo 3DS is the next generation Nintendo DS, which itself followed the Nintendo GameBoy™. Since it launched in 2011, the original Nintendo 3DS has been joined by the larger Nintendo 3DS XL™ and the more robust and value Nintendo 2DS™.

This next generation of handheld consoles is more powerful, keeping children engaged with better graphics and deeper immersive worlds to explore. The new screens display more detailed images, and on the Nintendo 3DS & 3DS XL the top screen has the added benefit of optional 3D, or it can be locked off completely.

In addition to the Touch Screen and stylus, Nintendo 3DS & 2DS provide new ways to interact – including the camera, microphone, or built in sensors that enable children to steer games like Mario Kart 7™ by just tilting the system left or right.



Nintendo has developed brand new Mario, Zelda, Pokémon and Animal Crossing™ games, to name a few, that make the most of these new features. To play these games you need a Nintendo 3DS & 2DS handheld console, and parents can choose the right fit for their child:

## NINTENDO 3DS & 2DS PLAY ALL NINTENDO 3DS GAMES. SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



Nintendo 2DS offers value for money with access to all Nintendo 3DS games in 2D on robust hardware.



The original Nintendo 3DS is the most compact, and folds shut to keep the screen safe when not in use.



Nintendo 3DS XL offers the largest screen – ideal for playing games together as a family – and then folds shut after use.

Whichever system you choose for your children, parents can tweak the Parental Controls to create a safe and tailored experience. For instance, parents often ask about 3D and younger players. While the Nintendo 2DS plays all the Nintendo 3DS games in 2D, for children six years and younger parents can lock off the 3D function on the Nintendo 3DS with a password in Parental Controls.

For those old enough, the Nintendo 3DS & 3DS XL add an exciting extra dimension to portable gaming with optional 3D graphics on the upper screen. All three systems offer 3-5 hours of gaming time, and can be used while plugged in to charge at home or in the car.

Once you have identified whether the Nintendo 3DS & 2DS is the best match for your child, there are a range of colours and limited edition bundles to choose from. These not only make great presents, but offer the console and a game at a reduced price.



# MATCHING THE PERFECT GAMES TO YOUR CHILDREN

Nintendo 3DS & 2DS are the only handheld consoles that play the latest Nintendo franchises like Zelda, Mario, Animal Crossing and Kirby. With new games from Nintendo and other developers published every week, parents can easily find great games to match their child's tastes and interests.

Here are some family favourites, only available on the Nintendo 3DS & 2DS to get you started:



Simple, sweet fun for junior gamers who want to run, jump and transform into different characters as they help rescue the kidnapped King Dedede.



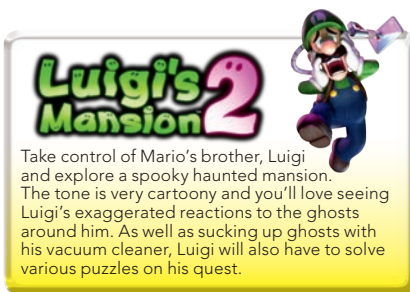
Children develop strategy and exploration skills as they meet and collect 100s of miniature monsters in *Pokémon X™* and *Pokémon Y™*, but it's the excitement of adventure they'll be telling you about at the breakfast table.

## NINTENDO 3DS ALSO PLAYS NINTENDO DS GAMES

Along with these great Nintendo 3DS games you can also play almost all\* the old Nintendo DS games on the Nintendo 3DS & 2DS. Upgrading to a Nintendo 3DS means that parents can hand down the original Nintendo DS to younger children, while ensuring the whole family can still access their favourite classic games. They can also save money by taking advantage of the great value Nintendo DS classics:



Classic running, jumping and puzzle solving action for children of all ages. Exploring different themed worlds as Mario or Luigi will keep children entertained for hours on end.



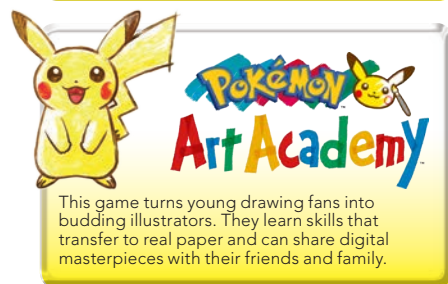
Take control of Mario's brother, Luigi and explore a spooky haunted mansion. The tone is very cartoony and you'll love seeing Luigi's exaggerated reactions to the ghosts around him. As well as sucking up ghosts with his vacuum cleaner, Luigi will also have to solve various puzzles on his quest.



Story telling and imaginative play abound as juniors create miniature Mii characters of friends and family in this virtual island teeming with life.



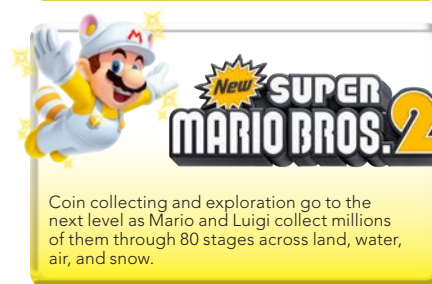
Ideal for golf fans or any young player wanting a calm, engrossing experience. Whether playing alone or with friends and family, this is as close to the real thing as you can get on a handheld.



This game turns young drawing fans into budding illustrators. They learn skills that transfer to real paper and can share digital masterpieces with their friends and family.



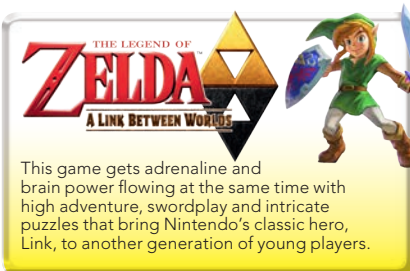
This exuberant kart racing game with Mario and friends is ideal for competitive kids to play anytime, anywhere. Perfect for secret, under-the-duvet racing or rainy day family competitions.



Coin collecting and exploration go to the next level as Mario and Luigi collect millions of them through 80 stages across land, water, air, and snow.



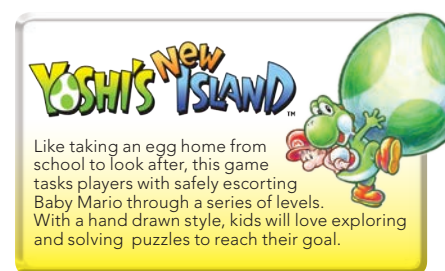
Join Link on a train themed adventure that challenges players to solve puzzles, battle enemies and save Princess Zelda.



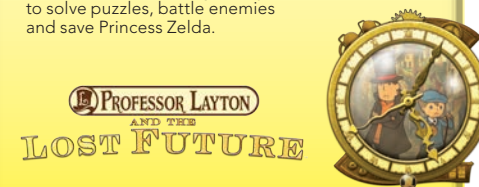
This game gets adrenaline and brain power flowing at the same time with high adventure, swordplay and intricate puzzles that bring Nintendo's classic hero, Link, to another generation of young players.



Older children will be absorbed in this microcosm of community, work, friendships and homemaking. As the seasons turn in the real world, *Animal Crossing™: New Leaf* brings new characters, events and wildlife to discover.



Like taking an egg home from school to look after, this game tasks players with safely escorting Baby Mario through a series of levels. With a hand drawn style, kids will love exploring and solving puzzles to reach their goal.



This adventure combines some seriously brain stretching logic puzzles with a cartoon story. Parents will appreciate its development of lateral thinking skills while children will relish the narrative.

\* Select Nintendo DS games that use accessories in the Game Boy Advance slot of the Nintendo DS system are not compatible with the Nintendo 3DS system.



# DO NINTENDO 3DS & 2DS JUST PLAY BOXED GAMES?

As well as finding the right retail games for your children, the Nintendo 3DS & 2DS handhelds offer new ways to enjoy family play time together. The following features enable the system to fit around family life with flexible ways to purchase, interact and play games together:



## Nintendo eShop

Buy digital versions of the new release games as soon as they launch, even when the shops are closed, via the built-in Nintendo eShop. Just put in your Wi-Fi password and use the digital game store built in to your console to purchase full price or pocket-money friendly games like retro styled Mutant Mudds, logic puzzle Fallblox or music tap-along game HarmoKnight™.

This is ideal for birthday presents from grandparents who can gift Nintendo eShop cards packed with credit for these pocket-money priced games that children can choose and download straight away. Or maybe you could purchase mum and dad's childhood favourites with retro games like Sonic, Mega Man and Mario. Parental Controls also enable parents to password protect Nintendo eShop to avoid unplanned purchases from young players.

## CAMERA AND MICROPHONE

Take 2D or 3D pictures on the Nintendo 3DS with the built-in camera, or 2D pictures on the Nintendo 2DS, then add filters, or even import Nintendo characters with special Characters Cards.

Kids can also spend hours playing with the Nintendo 3DS Sound app, which records sounds and applies filters to create novel voices. Whether it's used to make mum and dad sound funny, or investigate their own voices, it creates an unusual way to learn about how sound works.



## ROBUST BY DESIGN

Nintendo 3DS & 2DS are designed to suit young players and are a super-robust way to take games out and about on holiday.

This and the wide variety of games make them ideal for long car journeys and without getting sticky finger prints (or worse) all over mum's phone.

## Mii MAKER

These are the little cartoon characters made popular on Wii that are used to represent you in games and online. The built-in Mii Maker app on the Nintendo 3DS & 2DS makes them even easier to create.

Take a photo of yourself with the camera and Mii Maker automatically generates your Mii. Then make any final adjustments, and voilà! Kids can spend hours honing virtual versions of everyone in their lives who then pop up in the games they play.



# MAINTAINING THE BALANCE

With all these great games and features it's no surprise that children are enthusiastic about time on their Nintendo 3DS & 2DS. The new handhelds help parents stay in control with tools that set healthy boundaries, keep things balanced and parents informed.

## PARENTAL CONTROLS:

You can apply a password to select features of the Nintendo 3DS & 2DS handhelds. This means that parents can apply an automatic age limit so only certain games can be played without a password. It also enables parents to password protect other features like the 3D screen and Nintendo eShop purchases for younger children.

## EDUCATIONAL:

Many Nintendo 3DS & 2DS games include educational benefits, from developing strategic thinking, creativity and hand-eye co-ordination, to problem solving and reading. There are also some games developed specifically with educational objectives that help children work on particular skills.

## ACTIVITY LOG:

The built in Activity Log automatically records the play pattern of your child and is a valuable resource for parents to monitor and guide the family towards balanced play. This means that parents have an easy way to see which games their children have been playing and what time of day is most popular. It also provides statistics of the total time played on each game and the average length of each play session.



## LEARN WITH NINTENDO:



### LEARN WITH POKÉMON™: TYPING ADVENTURE

Complete with its own keyboard, this uses familiar Nintendo characters to practise your typing skills. Parents will appreciate the range of skills developed while young players will enjoy the fun challenging experience.



### POKÉMON™ ART ACADEMY™:

Using the stylus children are taught a variety of real world drawing skills, emulating water colours, charcoal and pastels. Through a series of lessons they learn how to structure and develop their drawing and painting technique.

### PHONICS FUN WITH BIFF, CHIP & KIPPER:

This game offers fun and interactive ways to help children learn to read, the three-volume series is available exclusively on Nintendo 3DS & 2DS.



# ARE ALL GAMES SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN?

All Nintendo games are reviewed and rated by PEGI (Pan European Game Information), who provide clear age ratings and content labels on every game so you can easily see if it is suitable for your child.



PEGI age ratings are shown on the front of every Nintendo game box, and clearly show who the content is suitable for. A PEGI 7 rating, for example, shows that the game is suitable for anyone aged 7 or above.

If you require more detail on the content of your game, PEGI's content labels, found on the back of the box, provide clear information on what you can expect.



For more information about the age ratings and content of Nintendo games see the relevant game pages at [www.nintendo.co.uk](http://www.nintendo.co.uk)

For more information on PEGI age ratings see [www.PEGI.info](http://www.PEGI.info)

## CONCLUSION

Making the right choice for your family about the games they play can seem confusing at first. However, the different Nintendo 3DS & 2DS options – exclusive Nintendo games, new and improved ways to play, educational and creative benefits, Parental Controls and game tracking – enable parents to make the right informed choice for their family.

