



SNMAT 365

Minecraft Education Edition

A Quick Guide for Teachers and Parents



WELCOME TO MINECRAFT EDUCATION!

Minecraft is one of the most popular games on the planet. It's an open "sandbox" game, where players explore vast worlds and build with blocks. Blocks can be broken, crafted, placed to reshape the landscape, or used to build fantastical creations. Players can explore on their own or collaborate with friends.

Minecraft Education is a special version of the game created for use in schools, with extra tools and features that allow teachers and parents to harness the fun and creativity of Minecraft to teach everything from chemistry to coding. Minecraft Education supports deep and meaningful learning across almost any subject you can imagine by allowing educators to transfer their lessons into fun, engaging experiences through the power of games-based learning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlvW0ErtlgA>

IS IT SAFE?

While Minecraft does contain some fighting, the visual style is fun and there is no blood. Minecraft is rated appropriate for young players to enjoy. There are no in-game purchases, nor are there any advertisements or product placements. Pupils can only collaborate and play alongside pupils from across the Trust, and there is no way for people outside of our schools to communicate with them.

DOES IT COST?

Minecraft Education is now included as part of our Microsoft 365 subscription and thus is **free of charge** to all staff and pupils to use in school and at home.



HOW IT WORKS

Minecraft Education prepares students for the future, building future-ready skills like creativity, problem solving, and systems thinking, and nurturing a passion for play.

- **DRIVES MEANINGFUL LEARNING**
Explore real-world issues in immersive, imaginative worlds.
- **PREPARES CHILDREN FOR A DIGITAL FUTURE**
Encourages computational thinking with in-game coding and curriculum.
- **BUILDS SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS**
Players build empathy and learn digital citizenship.

WHAT PLATFORMS IS IT AVAILABLE ON?

Minecraft Education is available on Windows, Mac, Chromebook or Android and on iPhone and iPad.

<https://education.minecraft.net/en-us/get-started/download>



GETTING STARTED – PARENTS

Explore ways to play and learn with Minecraft at home:

<https://education.minecraft.net/en-us/get-started/parents>

If prompted, sign-in with your children’s school email address and password. Contact your school office if you need help with this.

GETTING STARTED – TEACHERS & EDUCATORS

Learn how Minecraft Education empowers all students to thrive with critical thinking skills, digital literacy, and a passion for STEM.

<https://education.minecraft.net/en-us/get-started/educators>

