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## NEW DEVICES: PARENT INFORMATION

With the Christmas holidays approaching, numerous children and adolescents are likely to express their desire for new electronic devices.

It's crucial for parents to exercise thoughtful consideration when it comes to these requests, taking into account both the devices themselves and the available parental control features.

Equally important is to assess the intended purpose of the device. For instance, if a child primarily needs a device for messaging and occasional calls, opting for a simpler "dumb phone" might be a more practical choice than a feature-rich smartphone.

Internet Matters has thoughtfully compiled a couple of invaluable guides designed to assist parents in making informed decisions:

1. **Device Selection:** The link below is for a guide that offers insights into choosing the right device for your child's needs. It encourages parents to assess whether the desired features align with the intended use and provides advice on finding a suitable balance between functionality and simplicity.  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>
2. **Parental Controls:** The link below is to a resource that delves into the world of parental control features available on various devices. It empowers parents with the knowledge and tools to maintain a safe and secure digital environment for their children, ensuring that screen time and online activities remain age appropriate.  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/>

By referring to these guides, parents can make well-informed choices regarding their children's electronic devices, promoting responsible and beneficial technology usage during the festive season and beyond.