

Nintendo: 3DS Games Can Damage Kids' Eyes

Young children have been warned not to play 3D games on the new Nintendo DS console when it is released in the next few weeks.

The new console will allow three-dimensional games to be played without using special glasses.

But experts have warned that the 3D images could affect sight development in the very young.

The company has therefore issued a warning that children aged six and under should only use the console for playing two-dimensional games.

Nintendo said: "We will offer 2Ds alone to children aged six and younger as continuing to watch 3D images for a long time could negatively affect the development of their eyes."

The console has a parental control function, which will allow the 3D images to be turned off when young children are using the device.

The gadget features the trademark DS dual screens, with the upper screen providing 3D images and the other controlled by touch with a stylus.

The illusion of depth can be increased or decreased so that games can be played in both 2D and 3D.

The new console was not ready in time for Christmas and will instead hit the shops in Japan on February 26, reaching Europe, America and Australia in March.

The Nintendo DS has sold more than 130 million units and its new 3D feature has been greeted with huge interest around the world.

Nintendo faces competition in the 3D gaming marking, with Sony's PlayStation Move system allowing users wearing special glasses to play 3D games using wand-shaped motion controllers.