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Dear Parents

Fortnite Online Game

We have been made aware that a number of children in school are playing the popular online game *Fortnite*. This is a game designed for children aged 12 years and over because of the violence it contains. Please see the information and guidance below about Online Safety.

Fortnite

The online game Fortnite is proving to be immensely popular amongst children and teenagers and shows no sign of slowing down. It's a survival action game where users defend themselves against enemy monsters, whilst interacting with other players online.

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12 and PEGI has said this is due to the: *'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'* There are a few in-game elements that parents, and teachers should be aware of to encourage safe and enjoyable gaming.

This includes in game voice and text chat that cannot be turned off, as well as some other features such as micro-transactions (Microtransaction is a business model where users can purchase virtual goods via micropayments. Microtransactions are often used in free-to-play games to provide a revenue source for the developers.)

The UK Safer Internet Centre has produced "A parent's guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale" which can be found on the following link:-

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

We recommend that all parents familiarise themselves with this guidance in order to protect and keep your child safe online.

Kind regards

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