

Monday 10th December 2018.



Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of the National Curriculum, we educate the children on the importance of E-Safety in order to equip them with the skills to be able to use the internet responsibly.

Please see attached a couple of links that may be useful for you to be made aware of some of the risks of online gaming.

Online gaming has become of some concern in schools lately, with the implications of addiction/misuse of online gaming becoming increasingly prevalent.

Behaviours that have been increasingly noted by educators in primary schools, particularly since the Fortnite craze began, include: fatigue/lack of engagement/ability to concentrate, increased fall outs with peers, outbursts of rage with little provocation.

The key messages for parents of children who are online gaming at home to consider are:

- Limiting the time they are permitted to access online games;
- Children using devices in a place where adults are present in the home;
- Alter settings on devices to prevent talking to strangers (or peers if this is resulting in fall outs);
- Preventing screen time in the hours before bed time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this. We continue to strive to work in partnership with the children's best interests, well-being and education at heart. Any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/online/gaming/>

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIILKxsmT3wIV573tCh12UgvNEAAYASABEgIURvD_BwE

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

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/fortnite-battle-royale-parents-guide/>

