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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a number of children bringing issues into school related to playing computer games out of school, being online and particularly playing Fortnite.

We are finding that when children have arguments online or are falling out, this is then coming into school and causing problems with adults spending time trying to resolve the issues.

Whilst we understand that playing computer games is an activity that lots of children enjoy, children do need to be supervised to ensure the content they are seeing is age appropriate and that any interactions they have online are safe and appropriate.

Points to note about Fortnite-

- In the UK, the Video Standards council rate Fortnite as PEGI 12 because of its frequent scenes of mild violence. This means Fortnite is suitable for those aged 12 and above.
- You can set up Parental Controls so that you can filter the mature language.
Parental Controls-**Step 1** – From the **main menu**, select the **menu in the top corner** (3 lines) then select the **gear icon**.
Step 2 – Select **PARENTAL CONTROLS** and enter your **6-digit PIN**.
- You need to check the online communication settings on the game to ensure children aren't talking to strangers and monitor children's interactions on the game.
- The game has considerable in-app purchases that you need to be aware of, set up passwords on credit cards associated with the system so you don't get any surprise bills.
- It's important to have some limits in terms of playtime for the game. This is something you can agree with your child.

Please also find attached a guidance poster on Fortnite, produced by National Online Safety

Further parent information can also be found at-

[Fortnite Battle Royale - What parents need to know | Internet Matters](#)

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Please help us by talking to your child about using Fortnite safely and ensuring that if children are playing Fortnite, they know what to do if they have a problem with friends when playing the game.

Yours sincerely

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