

To the parents of pupils in Year 4

Dear parents/carers,

It has come to my attention that some children in Year 4 are playing the online game Fortnite.

The recommended age for children to access this game is 12 years of age.

The NSPCC has a useful website page for parents explaining how to keep their children safe online. I would recommend parents access this site and watch the video to help understand how to keep children safe when they use the internet:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games-

helping-children-play-safe/

The NSPCC have said that parents should:

- let children know they could talk to them if upset or worried by anything they had seen online
- familiarise themselves with what their children did online and understand why they liked particular apps or games
- agree family rules on how to use apps, sites and games
- use privacy settings and parental controls to keep children safe

If you have any concerns about your child accessing inappropriate internet sites please follow the guidance on the above websites.

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of **12**, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under **12** years of age.



Parents are advised to follow the PEGI rating of 12 and therefore children in Year 4 should not be accessing this game.

If you require any other information please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment to speak to a senior leader.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms I Hines (Year Group Leader)