



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's e-safety

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Issue 1

At St Mark's we are committed to ensuring pupils enjoy the benefits of today's technology and know how to keep themselves safe. In order to do this, we need you on board!



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

Research also states that violent games played repeatedly create emotional desensitization in children.

If your child is any bit of a gamer, chances are they have played Fortnite. Fortnite is a top-trending game that is super fun, but super addicting. Here's a brief snapshot of the game:

Fortnite is a live, multiplayer game that starts with up to 100 unarmed players jumping out of a plane, landing on an island and everyone starts killing each other off. Your goal is to be the last survivor. **To survive you must kill off others by finding hidden weapons and protect yourself by finding/building protection.**

A few things parents should know?

- You can play with friends but will have unknowns playing with you as well.
- You can play free on different platforms: games consoles, computers and IOS devices.
- There's a cartoonish feel to the game. When killing others, it's not bloody or gory.

Risks

- Stranger danger: the ability to text/voice chat with anyone you play with.
- Promotes guns, violence and bombs
- The game is not moderated (possible profanity and cyberbullying)
- Addictive: each game can last up to 20 minutes. Anything done for long periods if time can become unhealthy, especially with regards to screen time.
- Age rating of 12+; therefore, adults can be talking to tweens and teens.

Solutions

- Set agreed time usage
- Check for yourself: play the game yourself, or at least watch them play.
- Set parental safety controls on your gaming console
- Only be 'friends' with people you know
- Continual conversations: as this game evolves, there might be new features added that you're Not OK with.

A parent workshop, delivered by our Digital Leaders, will take place Thursday 27th June 9.00-10.30am.

All are welcome to attend a morning of refreshments, games and quizzes!

To stay in the know on all the latest and greatest on social media, consider logging into LGFL online resource centre.

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre?a=1>

(source: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>)

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

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Twitter, facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Google



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WhatsApp



LinkedIn



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Vine



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Tinder

