

Battle Royale Game Safety

Have you heard of Fortnite? It is a free game that can be played a number of devices including Xbox, Play station, PC, phone and iPad.

Fortnite is a very popular survival action game. However, the game includes heavy, cartoon violence and does have an age limit. The age limit is a pegi 12.

You can talk to other players through private, public and game chat. If you are using one of these chat methods don't share any personal information. And remember— you never really know who you are talking to!

Other negative parts about Fortnite are that many people are addicted to this game— they are not spending enough time with their families and often get told off because they are cross when they have to come off the game.

There is also another Battle Royale game called Apex Legends, which is worse than Fortnite because it has blood in it and it is a 16+ . You also compete against 19 other squads and you battle it out to be the last squad standing. This is not recommended for children at our age.

If you are worried then you can talk to an adult or family member. You can also can call or speak to NSPCC on 08088005002.

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Something for free?

Many games you play are now free because they most likely have in app purchases. They make so much money off these that they don't need to charge for the game!

In-app purchases let you get rare items or gems/coins on apps. They might be a good way to level up but they can be dangerous and here is why.

In-app purchases can cost a lot of money— especially for the parents so make sure you check with them before buying in-app purchases. (I don't think they would be

happy if you spent any money on a game without them knowing!)

In-app purchases could also be a scam so parents MUST check before buying them. Although some In-app purchases are bad some are good as well.

If you really want a rare item on a game and your parents know it is safe, they might just let you get it – as long as you pay them back!

Our advice would be to make sure your parents download in-app purchases and not you, as it could be very dangerous!

By Niamh (Flintham Primary School)



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Welcome



Hello and welcome to a new school year and a new set of Digital Leaders! We are all very keen to share our latest thinking on apps and how to keep safe online.

This is especially important with Christmas coming up and children receiving new digital devices as well as having more time to play on them over the holiday.

In our magazine, we have written articles on apps, websites and issues that we hear a lot

about. Some of the apps that we mention have an age rating above our ages. We are not recommending you go out and download them. However, we are aware that lots of children are already on them and wanted to explain about them, and offer advice. As always, we recommend that before downloading any apps or if you're not sure about anything, ask your parents!

Advice

If you read our information you will have a good idea of how to stay safe online!

Remember:

-Be careful what you share. Once something is online, it's out of your control.

-Don't meet people you have met online

face to face even if you think you are really good friends.

- Don't believe every thing you read— check it out on another site or with an adult.

By Rhys and Owen (Keyworth primary and nursery school)

YouTube is an app where you can watch Youtubers (people that have a YouTube account) playing games, pranking friends or teaching you something.

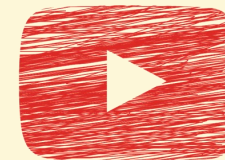
But beware, some content in the videos is bad. It could have offensive words or comments on it! It could also have scary content that could keep you up at night!

You will not be old enough to have your

own YouTube account to upload videos so as you have to be 13+ and have the permission of your parents. It could be fun to have a YouTube account but you could get mean feedback from people that watch your channel.

If you want a range of videos that are for a younger audience maybe consider getting YouTube kids!

By Reuben (Willow Farm Primary)



Warning— in this mazine, we talk about apps that are popular in school but are rated for older children. We are not recommending these apps, just trying to keep you safe!

Scammers

If you didn't know, a scammer is a person who commits fraud or participates in a dishonest scheme, leaving people sad or angry because they have lost a special item or money. You can encounter scammers in real life and online. Online scammers are usually found in games like Roblox, Fortnite etc. Scammers in real life do just the same but in person.

There is no particular answer for why people scam others so nobody knows. They ask for money in exchange for something else. However, they take the money and leave you empty handed.

One scam was on the gaming platform ROBLOX. ROBLOX is home to thousands of users and games to play. It has the age

rating of 13+ so ask a parent for permission. "Adopt Me" was a game originally made for roleplaying and having fun but due recent updates it has become a home for people who want to scam people who are using the game for its original intension.

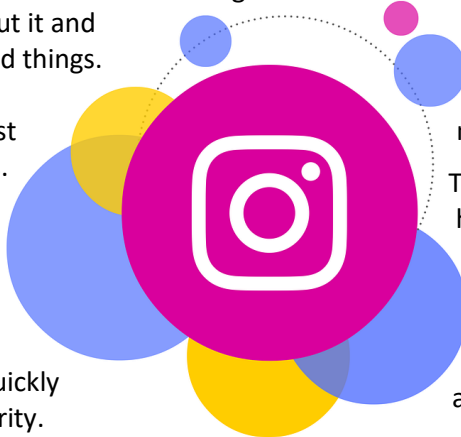
By Naomi and Samuel (Brookside Primary School)



Heard of Instagram?

Do you have Instagram, or does a family member have it? There are some things that are good about it and there are some bad things. Instagram is a site where you can post videos and photos. You can like, comment and follow other people. It has been around for a few years but is quickly growing in popularity.

The best bits are where you can 'like' your friends' photos, videos and see pictures from around the world.



However, you need to be careful if you use it as people can put nasty comments under posts, including rude words. Also, some of the pictures might not be suitable.

The app is rated 13+ but the helpful website 'Common Sense' rates Instagram for age 15 and up because of mature content, access to strangers, marketing ploys, and data collection.

We recommend that you talk to your parents about Instagram before you give it a go. *Alfie (Burton Joyce)*



Tik Tok

Tik Tok is an app where you can make short lip syncing videos to share. Tik Tok is 13+ app but on the app store it is a

12+. Please ask an adult if you're allowed to get the app or not. The app has in-app purchases where you can buy coins to give to other users.

You can have a public account, so when you post people from all over the world can see it. You can also have a private account, so when you post and someone follows you, where you give permission for followers to see your posts. On your videos, people can comment.

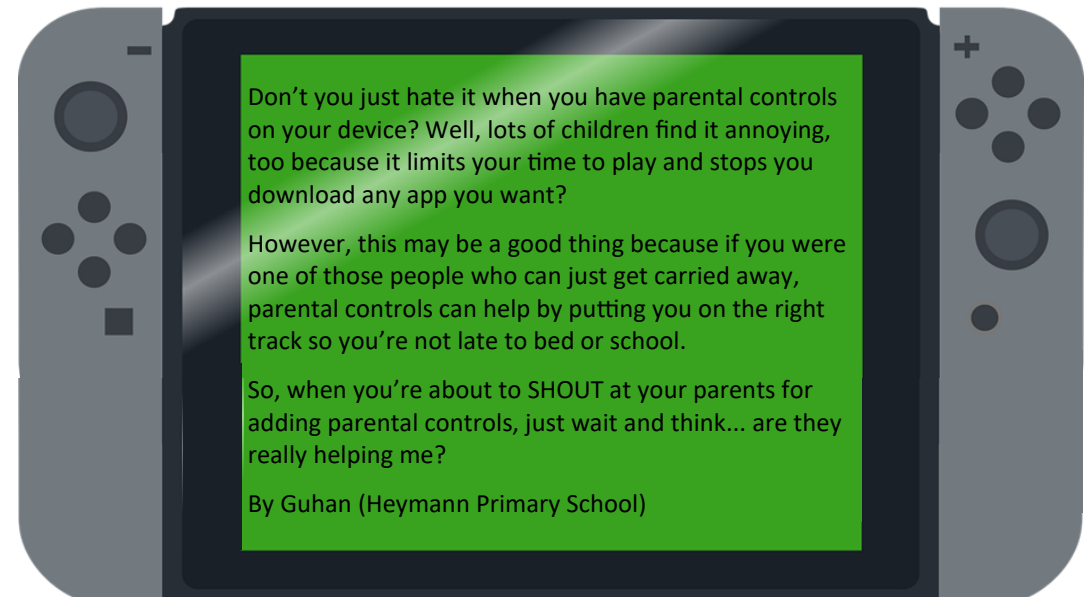
There are ways to stop mean comments : You can go onto privacy settings, go onto comments give only friends permission to comment on your videos. You can also turn of comments completely.

Duet and reactions- People can duet with you. When you duet someone, their video will be next to yours but reactions will be in a box in the corner of the screen. You can turn off duet and reactions when your about to post and you can make it so that only your friends can react/duet with you.

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HELP! MY PARENTS WANT TO

...add parental controls



Don't you just hate it when you have parental controls on your device? Well, lots of children find it annoying, too because it limits your time to play and stops you download any app you want?

However, this may be a good thing because if you were one of those people who can just get carried away, parental controls can help by putting you on the right track so you're not late to bed or school.

So, when you're about to SHOUT at your parents for adding parental controls, just wait and think... are they really helping me?

By Guhan (Heymann Primary School)