



# Online Safety Newsletter: Autumn Term 2020



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We are introducing a termly 'Online Safety' Newsletter with tips, advice and information. The technological world is ever changing and we need to help our children to stay safe when they are online. Something which is really important to discuss with your child is what they would do if they saw something online which made them feel scared, worried or upset. In school we promote to the children that they need to speak to their trusted adults e.g. Mummy, Daddy, Nanny, Grandad, Auntie, Uncle, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors and Office Staff.

Devices which I might go online with:



## Keeping Safe Online

	I will look after the devices that I am using and will follow the rules for keeping safe.
	I will talk to an adult if I see something that I do not like. I will tell an adult if something pops up when I am using a device.
	I will ask an adult if I am allowed on a new website or online game.
	I know that it is important to play games which are suitable for my age.
	I will think about how much time I spend on the computer because I know that it is important to also stay active.
	Just like in real life, I will be kind when I am online.
	I will not play games online with people that I do not know and I will not send them messages because these people are strangers.
	I will not share personal information with people (full name, date of birth, address, phone number, where I go to school).
	I am learning about the safety tools to block, report or flag up.

Here are the rules that we promote at school. They follow the Technology and Computing curriculum that we teach.

Please discuss with your child the devices that you use at home and these rules.

It is important that children understand that they need to follow these rules at school and at home to help to keep them safe.

Thank you.

It is important to take an active role in your child's online life and playing games online with your child is a great way to do this. Fortnite is still very popular with lots of young people. However, it is rated **PEGI 12** for frequent mild violence which means it is not considered suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as games, but also films, TV shows or mobile apps, is clearly labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on the content they have. **These age ratings provide guidance to consumers, parents in particular, to help them decide whether to buy a particular product for a child.** Here is a guide for what each of the PEGI ratings means.

<https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean>

If you are unsure of an age rating for an online game; then you can always use Google to check or speak to a member of Staff in School.