



Safeguarding Newsletter

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At the District CE Primary School we take children's online safety very seriously and hold regular internet safety lessons To raise children's awareness and provide them with information on how to conduct themselves in a range of online contexts.

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing a game called 'Fortnite'. We have researched the information and copied information from the following website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

"Fortnite has a PEGI (Pan European Game information) rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under the age of 12 years of age'

This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You cannot turn the in game chats off or choose who you play against"

The website has lots of other information that you might find useful when overseeing your child's use of the internet.

You can obtain a copy of our parent's E-Safety guide at the front office or via the school website



Every family has its ups and downs. Being a parent is hard work and there are no instructions. Sometimes, you or your children may need extra support. This may be before your children are born, when very young, or throughout school. An Early Help Assessment can help you to recognise: • What is going well for you • What you may need help with • Who can help you. It is your way of being able to tell your story only once to ensure you get the right support.



For further help and advice regarding Early Help support please contact a member of the school pastoral team.

Unexpected absences in an educational setting

Some of our pupils when in year 6 who may travel to and from school unaccompanied by an adult. As a parent what should you do to help the school if **your child unexpectedly fails to attend their educational setting,**

1. **please ensure that the school has at least two contact telephone numbers**
2. **Always ensure that you** always inform school if your contact number changes.
3. Always provide written consent if you wish your child to travel to and from school without supervision of an adult.

For safeguarding reasons the school strongly advises against any pupil below year 6 of attending school unaccompanied by an adult.

If a pupil fails to attend school and we are unable to contact parents/family we will always call the Police.

Let's talk PANTS

NSPCC

We all want to keep our children safe You've probably already talked to them about things like crossing the road safely. But have you spoken to them about how to stay safe from sexual abuse? We know it's a conversation no parent wants to have, but we believe it can feel just as natural, and be just as easy, as the road safety chat. We call it talking PANTS. From P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe.

You can obtain the NSPCC parent activity pack using the following link.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>