



19th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Online Safety Autumn Term Newsletter

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February 2019

The theme for the next SID is 'Together for a better Internet'. We will be teaching our Online Safety curriculum during the Spring term which will link to Safer Internet Day. The children will also be putting on Online Safety assemblies, dates to follow.



We are supporting
Safer Internet Day
5 Feb 2019

#SaferInternetDay2019
www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Common Sense Media

Common Sense Media is a great website for finding ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books and music. If you are not sure what a game, app etc involves, you will most likely find this on the Common Sense Media website where parents and other adults have left their honest ratings and reviews. The website address is <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>



YouTube

YouTube have got a specific website for children. This was created to make it safer and simpler for children to explore the world through online videos. The website address is <https://kids.youtube.com/>





Strip Fortnite

There is a new concern on YouTube called Strip Fortnite. In this, a male will play Fortnite and a female will strip off a piece of clothing each time the male player gets a kill. There doesn't appear to be any nudity involved, however the videos are suggestive, which in itself is a concern given the ages of the children in these videos. Quite often the videos were a means to sell what the children would refer to as 'merch' (merchandise). Children are naturally curious and may consider watching one or more of these videos. Parents should have a conversation with the children to re-enforce what is right and wrong. Unfortunately, applying 'Restricted Mode' onto YouTube won't work in this case as the videos are not age restricted. A reminder that Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12.

Parental Controls

Parental Controls are an important way to keep your child safe online. The NSPCC website have offered guidance for parental controls, shown on this link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

If there is anything else that you would like to know about Online Safety, then please get in touch with either myself or Paula Whysall.

Kind regards,

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