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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SAFE ONLINE GAMING – AGE-APPROPRIATE GAMES AND SAFE CHAT FEATURES

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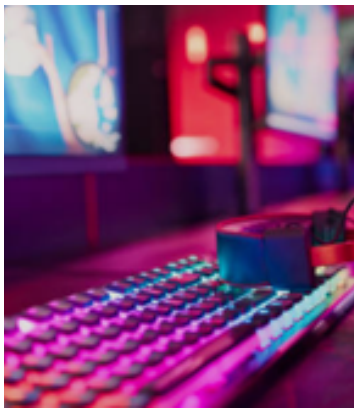
AGE APPROPRIATE GAMES

You might hear your child excitedly talking about a new game they want to play, like *Fortnite*, *Roblox*, *Minecraft*, or *Among Us*. Games are a big part of many children's lives and conversations these days. As parents, it's helpful to know which games are suitable for their age. Most games come with age ratings to guide you. If a game isn't right for your child's age group, it's a good idea to talk with them about why it may not be appropriate.

These conversations can be tough, especially if your child feels left out because their friends are playing these popular games, but having open and honest conversations helps them understand your concerns and feel supported, even if they're disappointed at first.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB – THE DIGITAL PLAYGROUND

Before allowing your child access to an online game, take time to evaluate if the game is safe and age-appropriate. Look for safety features, and if the game includes live video streaming or chat functions, consider turning them off.

While your child may think in-game chat is an exciting feature, it opens the door to unmoderated interactions that can lead to negative experiences like bullying or contact with strangers.

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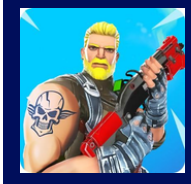
GAME SPOTLIGHT - FORTNITE



This week's game spotlight is **Fortnite.**
Fortnite is a third-person shooter game.
Its cartoonish art style and emotes have made it a popular game with children.
However, depictions of violence and encounters with strangers mean that the game should be treated with caution.

- Fortnite has a PEGI 12 rating in the UK.
- Fortnite has parental controls that allow you to disable voice chat, restrict friend requests, and set playtime limits.
- It also includes an in-game currency, V-Bucks, which can be earned and bought, so disable in-app purchases.

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