



Safeguarding Update

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At Worpleston 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 game and have 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 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. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of being vigilant when your children are online.

If you have any further queries or questions about this or any other online safety issues, please do not hesitate to contact us

Child Safety Week – safe children: together we've got this!

Child Safety Week is run by Child Accident Prevention Trust to raise awareness of the risks of child accidents and how they can be prevented. They provide a range of resources to help practitioners run local activities and events and promote safety messages in a fun and engaging way. By making the most of Child Safety Week and the resources CAPT produces and by working in partnership with other local agencies, we can get child safety right

Child Safety Week 2018 will take place 4th-10th June 2018. This year's theme is together we've got this!

www.capt.org.uk/child-safety-week



Childline 0800 11 11

Leaving children at home What the law says



There is no legal minimum age for a child to be left at home on their own. But it is an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk of harm and you could be prosecuted for doing so. Babies and young children should not be left home alone, because they are not able to look after themselves.

There is also no legal minimum age for when a young person can look after other children. But the law does state that children under the age of 16 remain the responsibility of their parents, even when being looked after by another young person.

Deciding when your child is ready to be left home alone

As your child gets older, you might want to leave them home alone for short periods of time or they might want to be left. There isn't a recommended set age, as all children are different to one another and their readiness to be left home alone depends on their maturity and personality, not their age.

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partnership, lead by the NHS, for children and young people with mental ill-health and learning disabilities living in Surrey. They have a wide range of dynamic, high performing partners who are working together to support more children and young people with the aim of reaching them before they become very unwell. You can find our more here.

"Through a single point of referral, we offer a 'no wrong door' approach, providing support to children, young people and families to find the right help at the right time."