



Safeguarding Update

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NSPCC Number Day 2021

We are joining schools across the UK on Friday 7 May 2021 for the NSPCC mega maths fundraising day.

This has been a difficult time for everyone, but many children have been experiencing abuse and neglect at home, increased risk online and further pressures on their mental health.

It's also had an effect on younger children, with an increase in children under 11 turning to our Childline service for help with mental health issues.



Child Protection in Sport



Child Protection in Sport Unit

Physical activity

supports both physical and mental wellbeing, but will also benefit children in bringing a sense of normality and routine after a turbulent year.

With many children returning to sporting activities with the lockdown restriction changes, the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit have updated content about supporting children in this transition. The site also have a wealth of resources for parents and carers relating to sports. <https://thecpsu.org.uk/>

Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board

Call us on
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Fortnite – an update!

Fortnite appears to remain popular, so we thought we would provide an update for you.

Fortnite is PEGI rated 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for those under 12 years old.

It is important to note that when PEGI rating games PEGI do not take into consideration the communications facilities available. Fortnite has a chat facility which increases risks to children. There are different versions of the games including the free to play Battle Royale game (although there are in-app purchases) where up to 100 players can compete against each other. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be exposed to inappropriate language and/or chatting to strangers. IT IS IMPORTANT YOUR CHILD KNOWS TO REPORT CONCERNS.

Fortnite does include a number of parental controls. To help make it a safer environment you may consider disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy setting. Try not to store any payment details within the game/device or make sure you have set purchase restrictions. All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game which can then be spent in the Fortnite store.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite>



Surrey Young Carers

If you are a young person, and you help care for someone who has an illness, a disability, or is affected by mental ill-health (you might be looking after a sibling with autism, or a parent with a disability), Surrey Young Carers can help. Surrey Young Carers support children from Year 1 upwards. They provide support and opportunities to meet – and have fun with – other children in similar positions.

How to refer

A parent, a teacher or someone working with the family can refer a child to Surrey Young Carers and apply support.

<https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/who-we-help/young-carers-under-18/>

