

Information Parents need to know about Fortnite

This term we were held our internet safety sessions with all classes. During the sessions there were questions about the game 'Fortnite.' This has led us in to doing some research in to Fortnite and we would like share with you some of our findings:

- The game is rated at a PEG1 12+, it is not recommended for children under 12 due to the violent nature of the game
- Although the game may seem harmless, players can talk and type whatever they want to each other. Text cannot be turned off and there are no filters for voice or text. There is nothing from stopping an adult from saying inappropriate comments to a child or from players using bad language.
- There are in-app purchases which can turn this free game in to an expensive habit
- Short matches and accessible game play make it addictive
- There are parental controls to limit the length of gaming sessions, Fortnite matches can last up to 20 minutes

Anyone looking for online safety advice can contact the O2 NSPCC online safety helpline on 0808 800 50002 or pop in to an O2 store