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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are writing to share a concern that has come to our attention regarding the use of the game Fortnite by many of our pupils. While we understand the appeal of games such as Fortnite, it is important to note that it has an age rating of 12 years and above. This classification has been set for valid reasons, and we would like to outline why this game may not be appropriate for younger children.

Fortnite is rated 12+ primarily due to the presence of mild violence, with players competing in a battle scenario where the aim is to eliminate others to win. While the violence is not graphic, the game's content is still not designed for younger audiences. Additionally, Fortnite involves online interaction with other players, which exposes children to risks such as communication with strangers, inappropriate language, or behaviour that cannot always be controlled. These factors may impact children's emotional well-being and safety.

We recognise that many children are drawn to games like Fortnite because of their popularity among peers, but we recommend that parents carefully consider whether such games are suitable for their child. It is important to remember that children under the recommended age may not have the maturity to process the game's content or manage the interactions appropriately.

To support your child's online safety and well-being, we encourage the following steps:

1. Check age ratings on all games and apps to ensure they are age-appropriate.
2. Monitor and discuss what your child is playing, helping them understand why certain games may not be suitable.
3. Set boundaries around screen time and online interactions.

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As a school, we prioritise the safety and development of all pupils and encourage safe, age-appropriate activities both online and offline. We kindly ask for your support in discouraging your child from playing Fortnite if they are below the recommended age.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or would like advice on supporting your child's online activities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Bottomley