



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This edition of the E-safety newsletter is on ***gaming***.

Gaming has come such a long way in a short period of time and we should never lose sight that gaming can be hugely beneficial for children. Games such as Minecraft, used in the right way, build on the creativity of children and young people and can be hugely educational. But it goes without saying that there are games out there which are hugely attractive, but are wholly inappropriate for primary aged children.

We have to remember that age ratings on games, whether you buy them in the shops or download from the internet, are not recommendations, they are law. That law (PEGI) is in place in the UK for good reason, and that's because the content in some games is simply not appropriate for our children, particularly when it is violent and/or sexual in nature.

For adults this is not an issue; you have the right to choose or not to choose whether to play games such as this, but as responsible adults we also need to be making those decisions for our children, not allowing them to be making the decisions for us due to pressure that other children are playing them.

As a school we have been raising awareness of ***gaming*** this term and how best to keep our children safe online. Children completed a survey on games that they have played and we have listed the games with the ratings that are played and talked about by our Wilberforce children. Please be e-safety aware and ask your child about the games they can name and what they know about them?

Descriptors shown on the back of the packaging indicate the main reasons why a game has received a particular age rating. There are eight such descriptors: violence, bad language, fear, drugs, sexual, discrimination, gambling and online gameplay with other people.



Bad Language

Game contains bad language



Discrimination

Game contains depictions of, or material which may encourage, discrimination



Drugs

Game refers to or depicts the use of drugs



Fear

Game may be frightening or scary for young children



Gambling

Games that encourage or teach gambling



Sex

Game depicts nudity and/or sexual behaviour or sexual references



Violence

Game contains depictions of violence



Online gameplay

Game can be played online

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Far Cry 4

Ubisoft EMEA

The content of this game is suitable for persons aged 18 years and over only.

It contains: Extreme violence - Multiple, motiveless killing - Violence towards defenceless people - Strong language

This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Action**

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Dying Light [www](http://www.ubisoft.com)

Warner Brothers Entertainment UK Ltd

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This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Action**

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WATCH_DOGS™

Ubisoft EMEA

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It contains: Multiple, motiveless killing - Strong language - Content that teaches or encourages gambling

This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Adventure**

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Assassin's Creed Rogue

Ubisoft EMEA

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Genre: **Adventure**



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SLEEPING DOGS

Square Enix Ltd

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Genre: **Action**

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Call of Duty: Black Ops 2

Activision Blizzard UK Ltd

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Genre: **Action**

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Call of Duty®: Advanced Warfare

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The Evil Within [www](http://www.zeniMax.com)

ZeniMax Europe Limited/Bethesda Softworks Europe

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Call of Duty : World At War

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The Last of Us  [www](http://www.sony.com)

Sony Computer Entertainment Europe

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This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Adventure**

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The Walking Dead  [www](http://www.telltale.com)

Telltale Games

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Genre: **Adventure**

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Max Payne 3

Take2 Interactive Software Europe Ltd

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Genre: **Action**

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Max Payne 2: The Fall of Max Payne

Take2 Interactive Software Europe Ltd

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Genre: **Adventure**

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Resident Evil Revelations 2

CE Europe Ltd.

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Genre: **Action**

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The Wolf Among Us

Telltale Games

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Evening Parenting Seminar - 30th - **Online Fun for under 11s**

[Safe Limits for Online Fun](#)

Date: 30th April at 19.30

Location: St Marys Church, Bryanston Square, Wyndham Place, between Crawford and York Street, London, W1H 1PQ

To book the seminar please Kate Logan contact at

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How might *gaming* be affecting my child?

1. Have you noticed any behavioural changes in your child? Could the games they are playing be a factor in this?

2. What games are they playing round their friend's house? This is usually one of the most common concerns for parents so it is worth talking to other parents about this.

What can I do as a parent/carer?

1. Have you got parental settings set up correctly on the Playstation, Xbox, Wii or whatever device your children are using? This will prevent your children downloading or playing games that are inappropriate for their age. If you're not sure how to do it have a look on YouTube, there are lots of videos that walk you through the settings, and they are all easy. For example, you can search YouTube for, "How to set up parental controls on Playstation 4."

2. Time is an important factor. Try to balance online with offline activities. Also, it has been well documented that screentime before bed has a negative effect on sleep patterns for children and adults. No devices an hour before bedtime is a good rule to keep to.

3. If they're playing online, do you know who they're talking to? Adults want to play with other adults, not children, and many will not hold back on their use of choice language. Online gaming can also be a platform for predators to contact children.

What games can my child play?



FIFA 15

EA Swiss Sarl

The content of this game is suitable for all persons.

Genre: **Sports**



Forza Horizon 2

Microsoft studios

The content of this game is suitable for all persons.

It contains: This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Racing**



Flappy Bird HD [www](http://www.flappybird.com)

Astragon Software GmbH

The content of this game is suitable for all persons.

Genre: **Puzzle**



Just Dance 2015

Ubisoft EMEA

The content of this game is suitable for all persons.

It contains: This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Music / Dance**



Minecraft PS Vita Edition [www](http://www.minecraft.net)

Sony Computer Entertainment Europe

The content of this game is suitable for persons aged 7 years and over only.

It contains: Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters - Violence that is set in a cartoon, slapstick or child like setting that could be upsetting to very young children - Pictures or sounds likely to be scary to young children - Non realistic looking violence towards characters which although human are not very detailed

This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Puzzle**



Plants vs Zombies Garden Warfare

EA Swiss Sarl

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This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Action**



Need for Speed Rivals

EA Swiss Sarl

The content of this game is suitable for persons aged 7 years and over only.

It contains: Violence that is not shown but is implied
This game allows the player to interact with other players ONLINE

Genre: **Racing**