Do you hear your child talking about the game Fortnite?

We hear about it a lot in school

Here are some key messages for you, as parents, to know about this game

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What is it?

- Fortnite is an online game. In Fortnite: Battle Royale, the **free** segment of Fortnite, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.

- Players can talk to each other whilst they are playing through discussion boards or microphones.

- There are celebration dances which some children replicate here in school too.

The risks

- **Violence.** Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'. This does not, however, take into account the contact between players; where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.

- **Contact from strangers.** No birth dates have to be entered to confirm children's identity. Do you know who your child is talking to?

- **In game purchases.** Some parts of the game make it possible for children to buy up to £120 of add-ons for extra weapons, cloths etc.

How we are addressing it in school:

- We do not encourage or promote the play of Fortnite here in school. We know it's dangers.

- We will always hold open, honest discussions with the children about why the age restrictions are in place, and what harm they could come to whilst playing these games.

- We will encourage them to use the Internet for safer activities such as sharing information with friends, creating appropriate work, researching.

What **you** can do to make sure your child is safe:

⇒ Have a look on our website for more advice and information under Parents > Parents Online Safety Page.

⇒ Play the game with your child so that you understand it.

⇒ Model using the Internet for positive, age-appropriate activities.

⇒ Show your child how to report anyone who is unkind online. In Fortnite this can be done by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu.