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## Dates for your diary.

09.11.2020

Whole school photos

13.11.2020

Non school uniform—Wear something spotty

10.12.2020

Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day



## Newsletter: Friday 6th November 2020

### LOCKDOWN 2.0

You do not need me to tell you that the country is now entering its second period of lockdown. To echo the messages within the letter received earlier in the week from the Local Authority, schools are determined to remain open. Our children have already had huge disruptions to their learning and we want to do everything we can to prevent that happening again. As always, we urge everyone to do their bit to try to ensure we can resume a life that resembles something close to normality as soon as possible. We know from talking to people on the gate that people have differing opinions on lockdown and even on COVID generally. In spite of this, we are asking every member of our extended school family to follow the rules regarding mask wearing. It is a very small inconvenience, but COULD make a very big difference. I believe we all have a duty to protect people in our immediate vicinity from what could be a life threatening virus for some. As we have been sharing with you for a while now, we cannot allow entry onto the school site without a face mask or a face shield. If you do arrive at school without either of these, we will very politely ask you to wait until the site has completely cleared before you can enter. Alternatively, we will get a member of staff to bring your child out to you. If we do politely remind you of these rules, we appreciate your understanding and politeness in return. I would like to thank the vast, vast majority of parents who do this, and have been doing this, since we asked you to do so. We are grateful to you, and you are being wonderful role models to your children. If we all pull together, we will hopefully be able to celebrate Christmas. Thank you

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

In light of the latest restrictions, and after discussions with Father David, we are deeply saddened to have to postpone these two Sacraments again. We know this is very frustrating, and terribly sad, but churches have no power to open whilst the government is saying otherwise. Once again, as soon as we are able, we will put another date in the diary. This also means that our weekly celebrations of mass can no longer take place. Rest assured, we will continue with collective worship in school and will continue with supporting the Catholic life of the school in whatever ways we can.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that school photos will be taking place on Monday. Please ensure that you send your child in their full school uniform, including ties, on this day. We will be taking photos with siblings in addition to the individual photos, but we are afraid that we cannot take photos that include the younger members of your family who are not already in school. All orders and payments will need to be made online. Instructions in how to do this will be included with your proofs that get sent home.

### HARVEST COLLECTION

Thank you to all of our families who donated to the harvest collection. We will be collecting all of the collections next week and sending our donations to the Coventry food bank. We know many people are struggling because of the coronavirus so your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### DRIVING and PARKING

Being on the gate every morning and afternoon has enabled us to see for ourselves some of the very unsafe driving and parking outside our school. We have witnessed for ourselves a few 'near misses'. Our children's lives are far too precious to be compromised because people want to park extremely close to the school. There are a few points we would like to remind you of:

1. Cones are in place for a reason. Please do not try to squeeze between them.
2. It is a legal offence to park within 10 meters of a junction, let alone park on them.
3. The markings on the road should never be parked on.
4. Children should never be asked to hop into the car, or out of the car, while the car is idling on the road. (Especially when on the zebra crossing.)
5. If you cannot get a space immediately by the school, please find a safe place further up the road. It will involve a 3/4 minute walk at most.
6. We have seen for ourselves that some drivers do not respect zebra crossings. Please teach your children that they must still stop, look and listen when they reach the zebra crossing outside school. A young, Coventry schoolgirl was tragically killed last week whilst on a pelican crossing. This is an absolutely heartbreaking waste of a young life. Please, please put the safety of the children first and not your own convenience. Thank you.



*Love one another, as I have loved you, in our home, school and parish families.*

	Star 1	Star 2
Year R	Summer	Azlan
Year 1	Bradley	Brea
Year 2	Shaylee	Rebekah
Year 3	Jamie	Binta
Year 4	Graycie-Nacole	Fredric
Year 5	Teresa	Joel
Year 6	Finlay	Alex

**Well done to all of our amazing stars. We are so proud of you!**

**Happy birthday to all of the children who celebrated a birthday this week:**

**Gabriella, Alantia, Owen, Lea**

**Our  
'Lining up Legends'  
for this week are...**



**Year 1  
& Year 4**



HM Government NHS

**We must  
keep on protecting  
each other.**



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

*'The secret of getting ahead is getting started.'*



## Fortnite

Fortnite continues to be very popular with lots of young people. It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. It is also important to bear in mind that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the chat features of a game which Fortnite does include.



### What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other. The aim is to battle against each other to be the last player standing!

### What do I need to be aware of?

**Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:**  
Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour: <https://www.epicgames.com/help/en-US/fortnite-c75/battle-royale-c93/how-do-i-report-bad-player-behavior-in-fortnite-a3276>.

**In app purchases:**  
All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases. More information about what in-game purchases are can be found here: <https://pegi.info/page/game-purchases>

### Parental Controls

Fortnite includes a number of parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>. Also, remember to set up age appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.

We always recommend playing the game with your child so you can see what they are playing and monitor the sort of chat that they are listening to/contributing to. Remind your child that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

### Further information

For further information about Fortnite, follow these links:

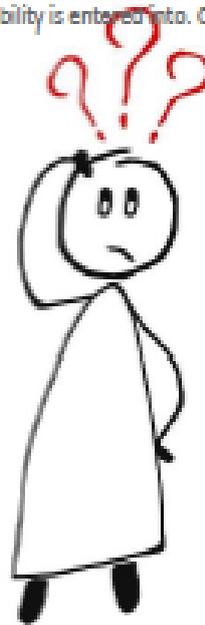
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

# Age Ratings Do you check?

## Video games

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.11.20.

Video games are rated using the PEGI system, PEGI rates games across 5 different age groups, these are 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18. So if a game is rated as 16, it means that the game is not suitable for those under the age of 16. The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. (Source: <https://pegi.info/>) In addition, PEGI rate the game based on the features of the game and provide icons to easily identify what type of content is within the game, for example drugs, bad language or gambling. A full description of each 'content descriptor' is available here: <https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean>.



## Apps/Social Media

Apps and Social media platforms are all age rated so you can check whether your child should be using them. Age ratings are clearly labeled within the App store and Play store but it is important to be aware that it can be the developer that sets the age rating so remember to review the app yourself.

## What can I do?

Age ratings are there to protect your child and ensure that your child is only playing games suitable to their age and reduce any potential risks. Talk to your child about why games and apps have an age rating and set clear ground rules. In addition:

- Use parental controls to help protect your child.
- Use <https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews> to see their reviews on lots of different apps.
- You can download the PEGI app so you can quickly search for games to find out what age they are suitable for. <https://pegi.info/app>
- Use <https://www.taminggaming.com/home> to find suitable games for your child to play.

## Further guidance

- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/age-content-ratings-apps-games/>

## How to protect your child's personal information

CEOP and Parent Zone have produced this article about personal information and how you can help your child protect their personal information and recognise the risks.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/your-child-s-personal-information-and-how-to-protect-it-online-primary>

## TikTok

Childnet have produced an updated guide to using TikTok and the parental controls available.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/tiktok-an-updated-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

## Supporting children and young people with SEND online

Internet Matters have produced this document which outlines some advice for parents and carers to help children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) stay safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Internet-Matters-Guide-supporting-children-with-send-safer-gaming-online.pdf>

Further advice can also be found here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety/advice-for-parents-and-carers/supporting-children-with-send/connecting-and-sharing-online/>

# Cyberbullying/Chatting online

**If it's unacceptable offline then it's unacceptable online.**

It's important to talk to your child about how they behave online, if they choose to use technology to call somebody names or spread hurtful rumours then they are involved in online bullying. Talk to your child, ask them how they would feel if the same was said or done to them?

## What are your children saying online?

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your children about how they are speaking to others online. Childnet have some great advice in response to two key questions your child might ask:



### What makes a good friend online?

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/get-answers/what-makes-a-good-online-friend>

### What should I do if someone online is mean to me?

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/get-answers/what-should-i-do-if-someone-online-is-mean-to-me/>

### What can I do if my child is getting bullied?

Explain to them what to do if somebody is mean to them online, explain that they shouldn't respond to them. Show them how to use reporting tools and emphasise they should always talk to a trusted adult. NSPCC have listed their tips on how to cope and what you should do: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/#support>

## Further information

There is a lot of information available online containing lots of advice and where to seek additional support.

- <https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html>
- <https://respectme.org.uk/adults/online-bullying>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/online-bullying/>
- <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/cyberbullying>

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