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Dates for
your diary.

10.12.2020

Christmas Jumper
Day / Christmas
Dinner Day

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CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you to every single one of you who have supported children in need this year. We have raised a wonderful £138, which is fantastic considering we have a whole class who are working from home. Thank you also for paying your contributions via our app. We know it is a shift in what you are used to, but we are so impressed with how well everyone has taken to the new system. Thank you all so much. Look out for some pictures on twitter this evening!

LOCKDOWN 2.0

We are now entering our second week of full lockdown. Can I say a huge thank you to all of our parents who are wearing masks on site. As you know, it is a requirement for all schools in the city, not just ours. I am delighted that I can now report to the local authority that our compliance levels are almost at 100%. As you know, we have had a positive case in school. As soon as we discovered this was a positive case I informed the Local Authority. We complete a rapid risk assessment and the information is shared with Public Health England. Following their advice, we are confident we have done everything as we should have. We know it is an inconvenience for your children to be off school but please be assured that it is for the safety of the children, their families and the community as a whole. It has been widely reported that if children contract COVID they usually present with no symptoms. This obviously has problems as they

don't know they need to self-isolate and could be unknowingly passing the virus on to others.

Can I please urge ALL of our families to adhere to the rules surrounding lockdown. We have so many children in school who tell us they have had play dates, or been to their neighbour's house, or have visited their family members or even been to the shops etc. when we have sent them home to self-isolate. We still have parents requesting that their child gets collected by somebody else! National Lockdown means none of these things should be happening. From a selfish point of view, I have not seen my mum since December 2019. I would love it if she could visit soon. I know many of our families are in a similar situation. The sooner we all adhere to the rules with absolute fidelity, the sooner these things can happen. I believe it is our civic duty to do our bit which, in actual fact, are not that hard.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We are still waiting for the proofs from the photographs to be sent through to us. As soon as we have them, we will send them home for you. As we said last week, all orders will be placed online and paid for online. We were expecting them to be here today, so hopefully we will have them for you on Monday.

SIMS PARENT LITE

Mrs Gough has sent a link to each parent's email reminding them about parent lite. This is an app that you can download so you can keep us up to date with your child's details. These replace the data collection

that we usually send out at the start of the year. This is a different app to Teachers2parents, but it is just as important. In the current climate, the situation might arise (as we have seen this week) that we have to send home groups of children as quickly as possible. When we do not have the correct contact details, it creates an added burden for school staff who are working hard to get the children off site as soon as possible. It is also difficult for the children who are left behind as we cannot make contact with a responsible adult. If you are looking to download it from your appstore, you will see the image I have pasted below. Again, we thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.



YEAR 6 BOOKMARKS

Each child in year 6 has gone home with a book mark tonight that details all of the passwords they need to access online learning. Please, please do support your child in keeping these safe. The bookmarks for the rest of the school will be sent home on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the majority of year 5 children who have been working so hard at home. I must give a special word of thanks to Mrs Torley, also. She has been working 16 hour days to get everything prepared for the children. I know she is really proud of the efforts most have put in and it means that all of her hard work has not been wasted. Well done, year 5. Keep it up next week! Mrs Torley has been in contact every day to keep me informed of the star workers. I wonder who will get a special mention next week?

Have a lovely weekend,
everyone.



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

	Star 1	Star 2
Year R	Kyron	Emma
Year 1	Rocco	Elyab
Year 2	Jathan	Jack B
Year 3	Kacey-Lee	Corey
Year 4	Oceane	Karolina
Year 5	Oscar	Teyah
Year 6	Jeremiasz	Mariam

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:

Lea, Michael, Anando, Amilea-Rose, Nilaxzan

<p>Our 'Lining up Legends'</p>		<p>Year 3</p>	
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HM GovernmentNHS

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:

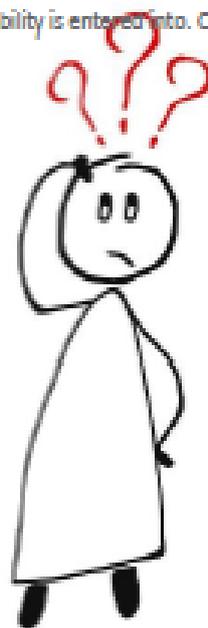
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

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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