



Online Safety Newsletter Issue 7 – October 2018

Welcome!

Welcome to our latest Online Safety Newsletter. Additional information is available on Rushall's website - www.rushall.walsall.sch.uk; please go to the Parents section then Online Safety, or you can speak to Kelvin Stephens (Online Safety Lead).



Fortnite

Fortnite is a game which combines Minecraft-style building with shooting for survival. The game is classified for ages 13+ years and above. The nature of the game (staying alive) is proving to be very addictive to those who play. Therefore, we recommend that you do not allow children to play this game. If you do allow children in your care to play the game, it is important to enforce screen time limits to ensure children don't spend too much time playing it.

The game features 'cross-platform play' between either the PC computer, gaming console or on a mobile device. This means that children can play on an Xbox against someone who playing on a mobile device. There is more information available in the Safer Schools App.

Family Digital Agreements

Managing the use of technology is often difficult for busy families. Parents often worry about how long their children are online and what support they can put in place to keep them safe.



Childnet have a great website for parents, to help them develop a family agreement with their children. It has tips to help start discussions and examples of what could be included. Find more information here: <http://www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement>

Please remember to talk you your child about what they do online, keeping up to date with any developments and the sites they use.

Safer Schools App

The Safer Schools App is designed for parents/carers, school staff and pupils. It helps support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Adult users receive tailored content specific to their role and pupils receive different content depending on their year group.



The app provides information and guidance on a range of topics to help keep children in your care safer online. Advice covers topics such as bullying, gaming, inappropriate images, social media and much more.

You will also receive updates from the h2b Safer team on keeping children and young people safe. Please do make sure you have push notifications enabled to stay up-to-date.

Download for Free. To access the app, visit www.zurichsaferschools.co.uk.

On this website you will find links to download the app, how to register and how to reset your password.

Getting Started. When creating an account in the app, it is important that you choose **Rushall Primary School** and use the access code **9786** to gain immediate access.