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INTERNET MATTERS

This is a fun app for parents and children aged between 6-12 years old to play together and help keep children safe online. The app is a great way to have conversations with your child about practical ways to be resilient and have a good time online. The app has eight quiz categories covering topics such as cyberbullying and gaming. The app can be downloaded for free on the iTunes app store and Google Play store.

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TIME TO SING?

Live streaming is a visual broadcast live over the internet using any smart phone or tablet with a camera. It is increasingly becoming one of the most popular online activities for children. Apps such as TikTok (formally musical.ly), Live.me, Periscope and YouNow are all growing in popularity. Live streamed videos are broadcast unedited and shared without delay or editing. Most live stream apps, according to the terms of service, are for 13s and over.

The main risks of live streaming are two-fold, what children might see and also what they might share. With live videoing there is no editing and with this comes the potential for children to see



inappropriate, upsetting content. There is also the risk that children will share too much personal information whilst live streaming their own content.

Have a conversation with your child: Are they using livestreaming apps? Are they just watching or are they live streaming their own lives? Have they checked the privacy settings?

For further guidance visit:

bit.ly/ChildnetLiveStreaming

A PARENTS GUIDE TO FORTNITE

Fortnite is an online game, which includes a *Battle Royale* mode. Here, 100 players compete to kill one another with an array of guns and weapons to be the last surviving person.

In the UK, the Video Standards council rate Fortnite as PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of animated violence. It advises that the game is not suitable for those under 12 years of age.



This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the interaction element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

Like any game with a fiercely competitive online mode, children can find that Fortnite makes them cross or angry when they lose. This is common in games like FIFA, but even more so in Fortnite because you only have one life and then you are out of the game.

While the actual content of the game is mild, ensure you are taking the proper steps to make sure your child isn't exposed to the potentially lewd language of other players by keeping them in solo mode or ensuring that they're teaming up with friends.

Fortnite is very addictive. It does a great job of keeping children coming back with changing game modes and new costumes. If you need to put limits on how much your time your child is spending on the game, there are ways to do that. All devices have parental controls which allow you to limit how long the device can be used for, allowing you to set a limit on how much time your child has playing Fortnite or any game for that matter...



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