



Online Safety Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming **Google** into school to host a '**Be Internet Legends**' assembly for Year 2 - Year 6 children. Google promote the safe use of the internet and aim to educate children to be safe and confident explorers of the online world. We have worked hard on this in school over the past few years and it remains a focus to support the ever-changing online world.

Google are in partnership with Parent Zone who offer great advice for Parents on how to keep your child safe online www.parentzone.org.uk



Online Gaming

We have noticed a huge rise in the use of the online game 'Fortnite', which has become a current craze for children all the way from EYFS to Year 6!

'Fortnite' is a free and widely available game whereby players work to survive and be the last one standing in 'Battle Royale'. Its gameplay involves cartoonish violence, weapons and silly dance moves! Gameplay is simple but extremely immersive with lots of people feeling addicted to it; there is also a large streaming and videoing following of the game on Youtube.

It also requires an account in order to play - meaning children will be required to have a user name. 'Fortnite' is rated 12+, however as with all games of this type, children younger than 12 are engaging with this game.

Steps to safeguarding your child:

- If you have allowed them to play on games such as 'Fortnite', other online games or social media it is important that you discuss safety with them and set boundaries.
- Discuss levels of privacy settings appropriate for your child - often if they are set to 'public' or their age is set to older than they actually are it can open up chat forums.
- Speak to your child about personal details - their usernames should not give away their name, date of birth or any personal information.