

Parents Digital Literacy - Gaming

You will be aware the Internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers they should be aware of and which we should all act to protect them from. As a school we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent/carer you can play a significant part in ensuring this.

Ways to help children play safe:

1. Check the game's content
2. Know how to mute, block and report
3. Be share aware - keep personal information private
4. Activate safety settings
5. Keep the conversation going
6. Encourage a lifestyle balance

Websites:

Internet Matters:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/online-gaming/>

Childnet:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/online-gaming-an-introduction-for-parents>

UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology/gaming-devices>

NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games-helping-children-play-safe/>

Have I Been Pwned?

<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>

Stay Safe Online:

<https://staysafeonline.org/get-involved/at-home/gaming/>

Ofcom:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/advice-for-consumers/television/protecting-children/advice-guides-for-parents/parental-controls-for-games-consoles>



iOS Settings by Apple

Enable password protected Restrictions on iPad, iPhone and iPod touch



Qustodio Parental Control by Qustodio

Internet monitoring and control for mobile devices including tablets and smartphones

