



Tuesday 11th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Online Safety

Last week, there was an incident that included children from both Sladefield and Thornton schools around the use of the app 'Roblox'. This resulted in some quite nasty and hurtful messages being sent between children.

Following this, Designated Safeguarding Leads at both schools agreed that there was a need to remind our parents/carers that it is really important that they are monitoring their child's use of the apps that they are using, and that they are setting the appropriate parental controls.

PEGI – who decide upon the age recommendations of apps, video games and films – have outlined that 'Roblox' should only be used by children aged 7+. Therefore, it would be reasonable to allow a child in Year 2 (once they have turned 7) or older to access this.

PEGI have also outlined that 'Fortnite' should only be used by teenagers aged 13+. Therefore, 'Fortnite' should not be used by any child at Sladefield or Thornton.

We really need the support of our parents/carers to ensure that their child is not using anything inappropriate, and that, if they are using an app or game that is age-appropriate, correct parental controls have been placed on the device to prevent your child from accessing something that they should not.

On the back of this letter is a poster 'What Parents & Carers Need to Know about Roblox'. If your child is using it, we think it would be really useful to read this and follow the advice given.

Both schools have some really useful information regarding e-safety on their websites, which can be found at:

Sladefield - <https://sladefield-infant.eschools.co.uk/website/e-safety/525891>

Thornton - <https://www.thornton.bham.sch.uk/website/safeguarding/160379>

We thank you, as always, for your co-operation and continued support to ensure that our children are safe online.

Kind regards,

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