

Online Safety Newsletter #1

#WakeupWednesday

Smart TV / Streaming services

There are so many TV streaming services available now such as Netflix, Prime, Apple TV, Now TV and Disney as well as more families having Smart TVs, which connect to the internet and allow you to download apps and access YouTube for example. This means our children potentially have access to a lot more content, some of which may not always be appropriate to watch.

If your child does access content through these services then, as always, make sure you set parental controls so they can only view content that is suitable for their age.

Each service will have their own parental control settings with most of them using a Parental PIN so you can restrict what can be viewed (and purchased in some cases).



LEGO Build and Talk LEGO® have created Build and Talk to help you chat to your child about digital safety and wellbeing. Firstly, you pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes questions and conversation prompts, whilst they build with their LEGO®. This is a great way to start talking about online safety with your child!

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/> whilst you're there, view their guides on key topics related to online safety <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/digital-child-safety/> or play Doom the Gloom with your child, which will support them in using the internet safely: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/campaigns/kids/doom-thegloom>



Fortnite- An update

Is your child playing Fortnite? Please note, it is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

Parental Controls Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>. Also, remember to set up age-

appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.

Further information can be found on

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gamingconsoles/fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide/>

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

