

Best Future's E-Safety Newsletter Term 3



Being unkind online:

We are all able to make choices about how we behave to one another online, and it can be easy to behave in a way we wouldn't when we are face to face.

It is important to have discussions with your child about how they speak to others and encourage them to be kind and respectful. Examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sharing photos of others without permission
- Name calling.
- Sending or leaving hurtful messages/comments
- Purposely excluding someone

Internet Matters have put together some tips on helping children to be kind online. [Top Internet Manners - Internet Matters](#)

What to do if my child is being bullied online?

It is important to have conversations with your child, helping them understand that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, to speak with a trusted adult. Also, ensuring that they know they should not engage or reply to the perpetrator.

The link below gives you advice on how to block and report bullying on social media.

[Bullying on social media | Childline](#)

Welcome to Best Futures' E-Safety newsletter.

The world of online safety is constantly evolving. Best Future's E-safety newsletter will help parents to keep current with changes, helping you to help keep your children safe.

Fortnite



Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for people under 12 years of age.

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an online game and there are different versions of the game available, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game, although money can be spent within the game. Fortnite can have up to one hundred players competing against each other at any one time.

What do parents need to be aware of?

- Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be talking to strangers and be exposed to offensive/inappropriate language from other users. Ensure your child knows how to report other users for any inappropriate language/ behaviour.

- All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game and can be used to purchase items from the Fortnite store, so ensuring you don't store your payment details within the device/game and restrict purchases. Parental controls help you make it a safer environment for your child, including filtering language, disabling voice chat and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on. Virgin Media have outlined how to set up the different parental controls: [Parental Controls within Fortnite | Guide | Virgin Media](#)

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, including online safety you can contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Kara Bradley or Abigail Moore on the office number 01472 278978 Please find attached useful guides to accompany this newsletter!