

Fortnite / Roblox

There have been a number of concerns around the safety of online gaming that have been brought to our attention, specifically relating to Roblox and Fortnite. Local cases have been reported of grooming taking place through the use of Roblox to interact and communicate once friend requests have been accepted.

Although Roblox, when the chat function is enabled, has an age restriction of 13, we are aware that some children in our school are playing it. I urge you to check the settings in your child's account. I have included some information about Roblox that I strongly recommend you read. Here is a link to a short, useful video made by a parent with some extra security tips for Roblox:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWzhE8fUi7E>

I have also attached some facts and advice about Fortnite, which is another popular game amongst our children, although the age recommendation is 12+.

We will be reminding the children about using online games safely and fairly and about the dangers that the online world can pose. We would be grateful if you could do the same at home.

The Safer Internet Centre has a very helpful section for parents with some guides and resources to help keep your child safe online:

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