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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been brought to our attention that some children at school are playing the video game Fortnite and Fortnite: Battle Royale at home and unsupervised. We write this letter to outline the type of content and themes that your child will be exposed to if you choose to let them play this game.

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an action game in which players build forts, gather resources, craft weapons, and battle hordes of monsters and other players in frenetic, bloodless combat.

Violence

From a third-person perspective, players use guns, swords, and grenades to fight skeleton-like monsters and other players in ranged and melee-style combat. Players can also defeat enemies by using various traps (e.g., electric, spikes, poisonous gas). Battles are highlighted by frequent gunfire, explosions, and cries of pain.

Offensive language / mature content / exposure to the public

The game's online chat feature -- especially in Battle Royale -- could expose younger players to offensive language or mature content from random strangers. The school doesn't recommend games with open chat for children under 13.

There is live, unmoderated chat possible between users in the console and PC versions of Fortnite: Battle Royale. Both voice chat and on-screen text chat are options. This exposes players to random strangers and the likelihood of profanity. Chat is currently unavailable in the mobile version of the game.

Online purchases

The game does push players to make additional in-game purchases to acquire many cosmetic items, objects, and celebratory animations, though they're not required to play.

Rating

Fortnite is rated for 13 year olds. This means that the game is considered to be suitable for children that are 13 years old and older.

This information has been drawn from the Common Sense Media website. [You can find their article here.](#) Please contact the school offices if you need any further information or support.

Yours sincerely

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