



Tuesday 24th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the number of children reporting that they play the new game 'Fortnite'.

The UK the Video Standards council rate Fortnite as PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

The VSC expand on the PEGI rating by stating that "Violence consists of you using whatever weapons you can find or make to fend off the monsters of the Storm and save the survivors. Damage is dealt by numbers and life bars and monsters disappear in a purple flash when defeated."

I am concerned that playing such games normalises violent behaviour towards others and such games are often mirrored in the school playground.

If you would like to discuss this further with someone in school please contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Thankyou for your support,

Neil Clarke
Phase 3 Leader

The following is an extract from www.common sense media.org relating to the game 'Fortnite'. The website provides parents overviews for most games and is a useful tool for keeping up to date with the games children play online.

Fortnite

Game review by [David Chapman](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says

age 13+

Fantastic action game mixes violence, strategic thinking.

Mac, PlayStation 4, Windows, Xbox One | \$59.99 | 2017

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A+ Educational value >	Positive messages >	Positive role models & representations >
Ease of play >	Violence >	not present Sex
#! Language >	Consumerism >	not present Drinking, drugs & smoking

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Parents need to know that *Fortnite* is a survival action game for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, and Mac. Players use strategic thinking, creativity, and forward planning to build fortifications while working with teammates to defend survivors and objectives from waves of enemy monsters. The game has a cartoonish style, and the violence, while persistent, isn't bloody or particularly gory. The game does push players to make additional in-game purchases, though they're not required to play the game. While the game doesn't feature any profanity, its online nature could expose younger players to offensive language from random strangers in voice or on-screen text chat. Also, parents should be aware that a free to play multiplayer mode, called Battle Royale, supports up to 100 players fighting against each other or in teams to be the last player standing.