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Dear Families

**Fortnite Battle Royale**

I hope this letter finds you well.

Recently, it has come to our attention that some of our Year 5 children are playing the game: “**Fortnite Battle Royale**” which is an online game accessible via the following platforms: Xbox, PS4, PC and iOS.

Due to its content, the game is rated 12+ (only suitable for those over the age of 12), but as it is free to access, and has no age checks, many primary aged children find it easy to access. Please find attached information about the game provided by Parent Zone.

**Access to Websites at Home**

It has become apparent that some children are being allowed to sign up to such websites as Facebook; Instagram; WhatsApp; Musical.ly (please see on the following page, the legal minimum age for these various websites). We would be grateful if you could discuss this with your child and review their access to these. Please also note that many domestic internet providers provide a parental control facility whereby you can limit access to such sites as YouTube. As you are probably aware, YouTube and various other sites contain material which is not age appropriate for primary aged children, plus many sites also attach pop-ups/adverts to their uploads.

The NSPCC website has some excellent information regarding the age appropriateness for various websites (visit [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)):

<b>Application</b>	<b>Minimum Age for Sign up</b>
Disney Club Penguin	13+
Facebook	13+
Google+	13+
Instagram	13+
Minecraft (on-line application)	13+
Moshi Monsters	13+
Musical.ly	13+
Oovoo	13+
Pinterest	13+
Skype	13+
Snapchat	13+
Viber	13+
Whatsapp	16+
Youtube	13+

Our advice to all parents in respect of children going online is that this should only take place in a communal room – one where an adult is present.

Many thanks for your continued support.

With best wishes

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