



Darell Primary School

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Press Start for PlayStation



The Press Start for PlayStation Safety interactive quiz is designed for parents and guardians to complete with their children to learn how to make the most PlayStation safety settings for safer gaming. Encourage healthy competition to see who will come out on top as Online Safety Champion!

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>



TikTok app safety What parents need to know!

TikTok is a social media platform that replaced the popular Musical.ly app when it went offline in 2017. Known as Douyin in China, it gives users the ability to watch and create short clips of up to 60 seconds.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafty-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Do you have Sky Broadband?

Sky offer a set of free tools to all customers to help make the internet a safer place for your family, for example safe search. You can find out more about the settings available and how to set it up here:

<https://www.sky.com/help/articles/sky-broadband-shield-start>



What is Rec Room? What Parents need to know!



Rec Room follows in the footsteps of Roblox and other similar games. With this free cross-platform multiplayer video game gaining in popularity, it's important to understand what it is and how children can stay safe.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-rec-room/>

PUBG Player Unknown's Battlegrounds



PUBG is available on multiple platforms and is rated 16+ by PEGI, therefore it is not suitable for persons below 16 years of age. PEGI state that this game has been rated PEGI 16 "due to frequent, moderate violence towards human characters and encouragement of drug use" (<https://pegi.info/>).

PUBG is an online multiplayer game, in which a group of players play against each other until they are the only remaining player. One hundred players are dropped on to an island and they need to search for items, such as backpacks, body armour and guns.

What do I need to be aware of?
Parents need to be aware that this can be an addictive game, in game purchases are available and due to the live chat, inappropriate or offensive language may be heard/seen.

If your child is playing this game, then make sure they know how to use the reporting and blocking facilities within the game and they know to speak to a trusted adult should they need to.

Further information:

Bark provides further information on PUBG as well as how to apply settings:

<https://www.bark.us/guides/gaming-pubg/>

Fall Guys

Fall Guys is a free, online multiplayer game in which players team up to take on obstacle courses and puzzles to try and be the last player standing. Fall Guys is available on multiple platforms.

Whilst this game has a PEGI rating of 3 (suitable for all ages), you need to be aware that up to sixty people will be playing in one game at the same time and it does have the option of **voice chat** and **in-game purchases**. Voice chat is off by default and is not needed to play the game. An Epic Games account is required to play Fall Guys, which does include parental controls.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.epicgames.com/site/en-US/parental-controls>

