



# Darell Primary School

## E-safety Newsletter May 2023



### Tackling Online Hate

One way in which we can tackle online hate is ensuring our children learn about what it is and how they can stop it. Internet Matters have created a quiz that you can complete with your child. As you progress through the questions, you will be given advice as well as questions to discuss and help you have

a conversation with your child. The quiz is available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/theonlinetogetherproject/tackling-online-hate-quiz/>

### What Is Grooming:

This is a really informative article from Thorn:

<https://www.thorn.org/blog/online-grooming-what-it-is-how-it-happens-and-how-to-defend-children/>

### Fortnite

**Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.**



#### What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other.

#### What do I need to be aware of?

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite
- contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child
- may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure
- your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through
- the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite
- store so make sure you don't
- payment details within the
- game/device and restrict pu

#### Parental Controls:

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

#### Further information:

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

### Snap Chat Update



Snapchat launched Family Centre last year, which includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations). Snapchat have now announced their latest feature for Family Centre - Content Controls. Content controls will allow you to limit the type of content your child can watch on Snapchat by filtering out stories.

You can find out how to set this new feature up here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-on-family-center>

### Rocket League



Rocket League is rated as 3+ by PEGI. In Rocket League, players use cars to play in football matches and is available for free across a variety of platforms.

#### What should I be aware of?

If your child is under 13, then their account will have chat and purchases disabled (unless you override these settings). For children over 13, you will need to disable/restrict these settings as appropriate. There is the option to play online with others as well as make purchases to enhance your car. You can set up appropriate parental controls by setting up an account with Epic Games and applying settings on your child's device as well.

#### Further information:

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting->