

Internet Safety – How safe are your children?



We talked to each year group about the apps and games that they are using on their devices. Please read this important information about the apps that the children in our school told us they are using.

Many children in school are playing
Fortnite: Battle Royale.

Fortnite is a multi-player, multi-platform, last player standing shooter game rated **PEGI 12 for violence.**

Live Chat

Voice/text chat is available, but can be switched **off.**

Micro-transactions

Fortnite is free to obtain but many in-app purchases are available. New items are released daily, but are only available for purchase for 24 hours.

It Can Be Addictive

Each game lasts 20 minutes – children find it difficult to stop a game halfway through as this affects their position in the game. Parents can use parental controls on the Xbox to limit game time.

Live chat

It's important to note that PEGI ratings do not take live chat features into account.

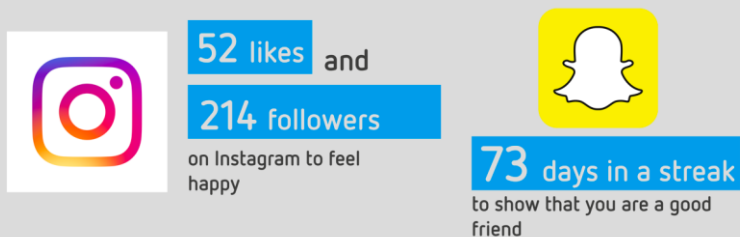
Children across school, including several in **Reception** and **Year 1**, are using the Live Chat features on games including Roblox and Minecraft to talk to total **strangers.** Some children in **Year 3** said they had played games including Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto, both rated 18+, and had also used Live Chat features.

For advice on parental controls for specific games visit net-aware.org.uk

For Safer Internet Day 2018 the UK Safer Internet Centre launched a report into the role of technology in young people's relationships.

Here are some of the results:

On average how many **likes, followers and days in a streak** 8-17 year olds said they needed



Age restrictions for popular apps



WhatsApp
16+



Instagram
13+



Snapchat
13+



Facebook
13+



Kik
13+



Twitch
13+



YouTube
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Twitter
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PEGI Ratings



Fortnite
12



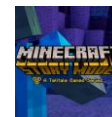
Call of Duty
18



Grand Theft Auto
18



Minecraft
7



Minecraft:
Story Mode
12



Roblox
7

#WakeUpWednesday

The website National Online Safety has lots of information about popular apps and games.

As part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign, we will retweet useful parent guides each week on our Twitter page.

Follow us @SHPS_Fenham or see the live feed on our school website.

Useful Websites for Parents:

www.common sense media.org - advice about games, apps, films and TV shows.

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.internetmatters.org

