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## Autumn Term ESafety Update

Dear Parent/ Carer

With the winter nights drawing in and the weather beginning to turn, it is likely that children will be spending more time using digital devices and less time outside. There may also be some requests on Father Christmas' list for games, tablets or other devices. As such, we thought it would be a great time to share some ESafety tips to help parents and carers make safer choices to support their children over the festive break and beyond.

Looking forward to next term, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, keep an eye out for further information. You should also receive a copy of Digital Parenting Magazine in the new year.

As always, if you have any concerns about ESafety you can talk to your child's class teacher or a member of our pastoral team.

Be sure to have a safe and happy holiday!

Yours Sincerely

Mr S. Firth  
Computing and ESafety Leader.

## ESafety Advice on Twitter



You may already follow our school Twitter account - @PindersPrimary. But did you know Twitter has loads of other fantastic accounts that have great ESafety content? Each week we retweet some topical advice from National Online Safety @natonlinesafety.

We have also curated a Twitter list with other great ESafety accounts. Be sure to follow our ESafety list at <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1576836514268471297?s=20>





## Setting Up Parent Controls



InternetMatters.org have created a simple checklist for parents to go through to make sure they have set a device for children with the correct settings. This is great to use before they open their brand-new device this holiday season, make sure you set them up safe with this guide.



InternetMatters.org have also created easy to follow guides to enable you to set up parental controls and privacy settings on a whole host of devices, websites and social networks - just choose the device or platform from the dropdown menu. <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>. There is also a useful guide for preparing secondhand or hand-me-down devices: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/guide-to-hand-me-down-devices/>

## PEGI Ratings



Age ratings ensure that entertainment content – such as films, DVDs, and games – is clearly labelled for the minimum age group for which it is suitable. Age ratings provide guidance to adults to help them decide whether a particular game is suitable and safe. Since 2012, PEGI has been the sole system used in the UK for new console and PC games.



There are two parts to the ratings system:




- **Age Rating** – which shows the minimum age a game is suitable for.
- **Content descriptors** – which give details about the contents of the game.

You can check a console or PC game rating by searching for it at <https://pegi.info/>










### Age Ratings

 www.pegi.info	The content of games with a PEGI 3 rating is considered suitable for all age groups. The game should not contain any sounds or pictures that are likely to frighten young children. A very mild form of violence (in a comical context or a childlike setting) is acceptable. No bad language should be heard.
 www.pegi.info	Game content with scenes or sounds that can possibly frightening to younger children should fall in this category. Very mild forms of violence (implied, non-detailed, or non-realistic violence) are acceptable for a game with a PEGI 7 rating.

	Video games that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy characters or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters would fall in this age category. Sexual innuendo or sexual posturing can be present, while any bad language in this category must be mild. Gambling as it is normally carried out in real life in casinos or gambling halls can also be present (e.g. card games that in real life would be played for money).
	This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. The use of bad language in games with a PEGI 16 rating can be more extreme, while games of chance, and the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs can also be present.
	The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters. The glamorisation of the use of illegal drugs and explicit sexual activity should also fall into this age category.

## Content descriptors

	The game contains depictions of violence. In games rated PEGI 7 this can only be non-realistic or non-detailed violence. Games rated PEGI 12 can include violence in a fantasy environment or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters, whereas games rated PEGI 16 or 18 have increasingly more realistic-looking violence
	The game contains bad language. This descriptor can be found on games with a PEGI 12 (mild swearing), PEGI 16 (e.g. sexual expletives or blasphemy) or PEGI 18 rating (e.g. sexual expletives or blasphemy).
	This descriptor may appear on games with a PEGI 7 if it contains pictures or sounds that may be frightening or scary to young children, or on PEGI 12 games with horrific sounds or horror effects (but without any violent content).
	The game contains elements that encourage or teach gambling. These simulations of gambling refer to games of chance that are normally carried out in casinos or gambling halls. Games with this sort of content are PEGI 12, PEGI 16 or PEGI 18.
	This content descriptor can accompany a PEGI 12 rating if the game includes sexual posturing or innuendo, a PEGI 16 rating if there is erotic nudity or sexual intercourse without visible genitals or a PEGI 18 rating if there is explicit sexual activity in the game. Depictions of nudity in a non-sexual content do not require a specific age rating, and this descriptor would not be necessary.
	The game refers to or depicts the use of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Games with this content descriptor are always PEGI 16 or PEGI 18.
	The game contains depictions of ethnic, religious, nationalistic or other stereotypes likely to encourage hatred. This content is always restricted to a PEGI 18 rating (and likely to infringe national criminal laws).