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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, here at Branfil we take children's online safety very seriously and hold regular internet safety lessons to raise children's awareness and provide them with information on how to conduct themselves in a range of online contexts.

It has come to our attention that many children have been playing a game called Fortnite. The online game involves 100 players fighting each other to be the final survivor and it is also possible to play in duo or squad modes. We would like to highlight what Childnet (the online safety charity) say about the game:

*Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'.*

Fortnite also has voice and on-screen text chat features and in addition to the violent content in the game children may also be exposed to swearing and offensive language from other players. As Fortnite is an online game, players cannot choose who they play against and people of all ages from around the world play the game.

Further information about Fortnite can be found on the following website:

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

Please find additional links with information about a range of websites, games and devices on the Online Safety page of our school website:

<http://www.branfil.com/key-information/online-safety/>

If you have any further queries or questions about this or any other online safety issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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