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Article 28: Children have a right to a primary education.

Dear Parents/Carers. 7th March 2024

I hope this letter finds you well. As we navigate the digital landscape, it is crucial to ensure the online safety of our students. In light of this, I would like to draw your attention to the age restrictions on apps and video games that your children may encounter. The internet provides a vast array of educational and entertaining resources, but it's essential to be mindful of age-appropriate content. I encourage you to explore the following resources for valuable tips, advice, and guides to help keep your child safe online:

Safer Internet - Tips, advice, guides, and resources for parents and carers:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

Safer Internet - Guidance on games and games consoles:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/quide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles

In addition to these resources, I recommend using the website https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews for game reviews. Despite its perhaps somewhat patronising name, this open-sourced platform allows parents to contribute their insights on the suitability of various games for children. It's a valuable tool for making informed decisions about the content your children are exposed to online. Furthermore, it is important to note that popular games such as Fortnite (12+), Call of Duty (18+) and Grand Theft Auto (18+) are not appropriate for children at primary school. These age ratings are assigned based on the content and themes present in the games, and exposing younger children to such content may not be suitable for your children.

Please take a moment to review the content provided, including the specific age ratings of popular games. If you have any questions or concerns, do not he sitate to reach out. Together, we can ensure that our students and your children have a positive and secure online experience.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the well-being of our pupils.

Yours faithfully

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