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Dear Parents

Online Safety Concern – Fortnite

I have read several articles over the holiday from online safety experts about the possible dangers associated with the popular game Fortnite. I am aware that many of our pupils play this but there are concerns over the contact with other people online, as with all methods of online chat and social media.

It has also come to my attention that in one of our schools, children are using the messaging facility to be abusive. They are changing spellings of inappropriate language in order to bypass the filters that have been put in place to keep them safe. In some cases the messages are unkind and could be considered as bullying if they were to persist.

As a school we frequently take the opportunity to remind pupils about how to stay safe online and the importance of being as respectful in the online world as they are encouraged to be in school. We will reiterate these messages in light of the information reported to us by parents.

Further information about keeping children safe online is available at www.internetmatters.org a site designed to support teachers and parents to make informed choices about the safety of children online. Also available to follow on Twitter using the handle @IM_org

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Cross
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