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Dear Parent/Carer,

Online Safety

Whilst our priorities regarding our children's online safety is focused within school, we have a duty of care to warn and advise parents about unsafe computing use out of school.

We have been made aware that some of our youngest pupils have been playing Computer Games rated as 18 such as Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto. The material in these types of games is wholly unsuitable for primary age children and are not simply fun shooting or car chasing games.

Whilst we appreciate that the games may be owned by older siblings or family, we would urge parents and carers to adhere to the age guidelines, much as they would with a 15 or 18 film at the cinema. The age restrictions mean that our children are simply not ready for some of the material included in some games. The PEGI age rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

Many of our children play games, often online with or against each other of a nature suitable for their age and we can fully appreciate the benefits that they can bring.

Many thanks for supporting school on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Brierley
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