



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL E-SAFETY INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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In response to a number of e-safety matters that have been brought to our attention recently, we have decided to send out an e-safety information newsletter to signpost parents to more information about current gaming and social media trends. We recognise that while there are age restrictions, many children are using these services under the age they should be – sometimes with and sometimes without the knowledge of their parents and carers. We hope you find the information and links below supportive. If you have any specific e-safety concerns or queries relating your child, please speak to their class teacher or a member of SLT.

FORTNITE (PEGI RATING 12+)

Fortnite is becoming one of the biggest games on the internet. It's a co-op survival-action game which has received some recent press coverage on the [BBC News website](#). Because of the open chat, it's important that parents and carers learn more about online gaming: [the good, the risks and how to keep safe](#).



YOUTUBE (18+ OR 13+ WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION)

We know that [half of 3-4 year olds and more than eight in ten 5-15 year olds now use YouTube](#). It's a popular video-streaming service, with a vast range of educational and entertaining content. [Common Sense](#) says age 13+ and flags up the 'iffy stuff', too. [YouTube Kids](#) offers a safer and simpler alternative for children to explore the world through online content and includes parental controls, too.



ROBLOX

[Common Sense](#) recommend popular game-creation site, Roblox, for children aged 10+ but we know it's popular with children a lot younger. Childnet International have published a useful [guide for parents](#), which includes information on how to set up parental controls. [Connect Safely](#) offer support, too.



WHATSAPP (13+)

WhatsApp stipulates a minimum age of 13 although [Common Sense](#) recommend for 16+. Although a great (and free!) means of keeping in touch with friends and family, those under 13 may be more vulnerable to a number of risks associated with the app, including cyberbullying and sexting. [Internet Matters](#) gives great advice, here.



There are lots of resources out there to support parents and carers. The links below will give you a good head start.



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If there is a particular game, app or online service you would like to learn more about, please let us know. We will try to include it in our next edition. You can contact the school office at info@eliotbank.lewisham.sch.uk