

Online Safety Newsletter

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The Digital Leaders' Top Tips

If you see something online that you do not like, tell a trusted adult like your teacher or parent.	Be careful and use trusted websites and look out for scams.	Talk to an adult about the things that you do online so that they are aware of what you are doing and watching. Talking to them is linked to our internet safer day 2023!
Do not share personal information like your email, address, name, phone number and school with anyone.	Do not click on a link if you do not know what it is.	Remember stranger danger!

MINECRAFT LEGENDS

AGE RATING 7+

Minecraft Legends was released last month and can be downloaded on a variety of platforms. It has an age rating of 7+ due to the potential violence in the game. PEGI, who gives a game an age rating, does not consider the communication features of a game when rating it. This means that a game like Minecraft Legends is perceived to be 'appropriate' for younger users however they are able to use the chat feature. This could expose them to potentially inappropriate language and content. However the chat feature can be switched off.

Parents should be aware that users can interact with strangers and this can be switched off or use the option play offline where users are unable to communicate or chat to other users. If a user is contacting your child it is important to block and report players and have a discussion to ensure they are able to do what is recommended by Minecraft.

Users are able to make additional purchases within the game however restrictive and/or prevent purchases settings can be enabled on the device.

Microsoft Family Mobile App

If your child has a Microsoft device such as an Xbox, the Microsoft Family Safety mobile app provides you with a variety of free features. This includes the ability to set screen time limits to devices, apps and games. Set content filters and block inappropriate apps and games. Paid subscriptions features such as location sharing are also available. For more information visit the link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/family-safety>

