

Age Ratings

It may seem annoying to have age ratings on games and TV shows, but they are put in place for a good reason. Age ratings keep you safe from dangers on apps or in movies. For example, in the show 'Wednesday' there is an age rating due to the content that may be inappropriate for younger children. You may find that annoying but it is for a good reason,

which is why your parents might not let you use or watch the same things as your friends. These are some

of the apps that have age ratings: WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok, snapchat and Facebook. You may use some of these apps and that is okay as long as your parents let you or are aware of you using them.

It is very important to follow the age restrictions or to talk to your parents before using an app or watching a show above your age. This will help make sure you have a happy and safe childhood and avoid you being exposed to online dangers.

Do you now see why you should follow the age restrictions?

By Joseph (Tollerton) Aofe (Abbey Road)



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

Animal Crossing is a social simulation video game series developed and published by Nintendo. The series was conceptualised and created by Katsuya Eguchi and Hisashi Nogami. In Animal Crossing, the player character is a human who lives in a village inhabited by various animals and can do various activities like fishing, catching bugs and fossil hunting. The series is notable for open-ended gameplay and use of the video game console's internal clock and calendar to simulate real passage of time.

Since its initial release in 2001, five animal crossing games have been released worldwide, one each for the Nintendo 64/iQue Player (enhanced and reissued for the

GameCube), Nintendo 2DS, Wii, Nintendo 3DS and Nintendo Switch. The series has been both critically and commercially successful and has sold over 72 million units worldwide.

Aurora, Rowan and Nya (Robert Miles and Richard Bonington)



Warning- in this magazine, we talk about apps that are popular in school but are rated for older children. We are not recommending these apps, just trying to keep you safe!



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Welcome



Hello! We are the year 5/6 digital leaders across the Equals Trust: Heymann, Abbey Road, Keyworth, Tollerton, Burton Joyce, Cropwell Bishop, Robert Miles Junior, Brookside, Flintham, Richard



Bonnington, Willow Farm and Crossdale. You can easily recognise us by the blue digital leaders badges that we will

wear. At least one student from each school joined together in December 2022 to discuss online safety and messages we wanted pupils in our schools to have with the Christmas Holidays coming up. We were then all involved in writing an article in this issue, making it a fun and interesting read. We hope this issue helps you and your family stay safe on the internet. ;)

By Adam (Abbey Road) , Henry (Heymann)

Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is when people text or send mean messages and try to hurt your feelings. It is like bullying but using digital devices or social media. These messages can really hurt peoples feelings and cause lasting damage. Make sure if you are being cyber bullied to tell someone who can help. If you try to do it

back, this can make things worse and can get you in trouble.

So just tell a parent so they can do something about it.

There are many sites you can go to for help if you feel like you can't tell someone like Childline: 0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

By Maya (Cropwell Bishop)

APP SPOTLIGHT:

MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a creative game where your only limit is your imagination! In Creative Mode, you start with all the blocks you need to build anything you want!

However, in Survival Mode, you craft items and journey through the dangerous, monster-filled nights of the Overworld, explore the underground, lava-filled Nether, and slay the ferocious Enderdragon!! But don't worry, Minecraft is not really scary- it's barrels of fun! If you are a parent thinking, "is this is just a mindless game?" then think again!! Minecraft has an educational version for all your kids' educational needs including coding and lessons.

You can play solo or co-op with your pals and share the fun, split-screen or online!

It's available on XBOX ONE, XBOX 360, Series X or S or even Nintendo and Play Station. On mobile it costs seven pounds on Google Play! There is not much to worry about Minecraft, unless a Creeper blows up your mine!

Online parties are private, so there is not a risk of random people joining your game and you control who gets in.

In conclusion, Minecraft is a fun and creative game where you can craft anything you want, and you can bond with friends and make lifelong memories.

SO, IF YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN, GET BUILDING!!!!!!!!!!

By Reece (Keyworth)

APP SPOTLIGHT:

ROBLOX

Roblox is an online game where you can play or make many games such as Obbys (Obsacle Course) tycoons (money simulation games) and simulators (driving, for example). It is very popular and many children are asking their parents to get an account. Usually, the games are fun and light-hearted and there not much to be worried about. However, if you think Roblox is always safe you are wrong!

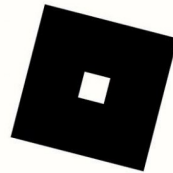
On Roblox, there is a chat system were people can sometimes type inappropriate and rude messages but you can disable them. Also, there are fake games that promise free Robux (in

game money)- these are never real so never trust them. You don't have to play Robux to enjoy the game.

The age rating for Roblox is 9+

The devices to play Roblox are iPads,iPhones,pc and xbox

By Benjamin (Willow Farm) & Danny (Crossdale)



HELP!

My parents want to go through my messages!



Although we may not like it, many parents go through children's messages and is usually to ensure their safety. Let's talk about it.

Although most children hate their parents doing this, they are only trying to keep them safe.

Parents may go through messages to check for many reasons, such as inappropriate language, bullying or even anything happening at school. They're not trying to be nosey. Their main aspect is just to keep you SAFE. You may think

what is being said or talked about isn't affecting you and other people but that is not always the case. Some times you can be dragged into a situation and you may not realise it is harmful or not good for you.

Being online can sometimes be unsafe this is why your parents want to check you are safe. Messages are mainly a fun sociable platform for people to communicate and catch up with each other from a distance, but sometimes we all need another pair of eyes to help keep us safe.

By Poppy (Heymann) & Johnnie (Tollerton)



The dangers of links!

We use links all the time but do you know that not all of them are good?

Randomly clicking links on the internet can get you in big trouble meaning you need to stay aware when you are online. We are going to give you some information to help you stay safe when online.

Some links or adverts may seem to be OK to click on but they may not be telling the truth. Clicking on these may result in dangerous malware, ransomware or viruses getting downloaded on your device which could hurt, lock or even damage the device if not stopped. So with all of this information here are our top tips to help you stay safe:

- don't go on unknown websites.

- don't click random links or adverts.
 - don't open attachments from people you do not know.
 - If an advert seems to good to be true then it probably is.
- I hope this article helped provide information to keep you safer online and convinced you not to click any suspicious links or websites.

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