Talking About Gaming

For Parents of Primary School Children

There are age restrictions in place for all games and these should be adhered to.
Here is a helpful list of things to address to maximise online protection and reduce online vulnerability, whilst looking after the wellbeing of your child.
Reviewing these conversations every 3-4 months as a minimum is highly recommended.

Things to raise	Add date here	Add date here	Add date here
Take control of your child's devices. This means you have knowledge of all login and password and have made use of 'family sharing' controls where possible			
You set login and passwords for the downloading of games and any new additions or 'extras' need to be agreed by you. Always checkout games before saying yes and don't believe your child when they say that "*everyone has it*". They don't!			
Agree that on sleepovers and playdates, the same rules apply and you can be contacted for permission.			
Conversations starters around gaming: ● What do you like about this new game? ● Do you find it relaxing or is it exciting? ● Can you easily pause the game if you need to take a break? ● Can you show me how to play? ● Do you think I would like this game? ● Would you recommend it to your younger siblings? ● What do we need to watch out for in this game? ● Can you play with other players? ● Does it have a chat function? ● What would you do if someone was saying something mean/hurtful/aggressive? ● What would you do if someone was asking for an image or video of you? What if they were your 'online friend' and they asked you many times?			

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