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Dear Parents/Carers,

Protect Your Child Online

At Barrow Hedges Primary School we take children's online safety very seriously and hold regular internet safety lessons to raise children's awareness and provide them with information on how to conduct themselves in a range of online contexts.

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing a game called 'Fortnite'. We have researched the game and have copied information from the following website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

"Fortnite has a PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'.

This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You cannot turn the in game chats off or choose who you play against."

The website has lots of other information which you might find useful when overseeing your child's use of the internet. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of being vigilant when your children are online.

If you have any further queries or questions about this or any other online safety issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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