

Safeguarding: What Parents Need To Know About Fortnite Battle Royale

HACKER ATTACKS: News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges. There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards.

Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks.' The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

AGE RESTRICTIONS: PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE: Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM TALKING TO STRANGERS: There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means your child wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. However, they would still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

For more parent information regarding online safety visit: <u>www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/</u>





Last week, year 4 visited the Think Tank for an exciting start to our science topic 'Humans, including animals'. When we arrived at the Think Tank, we discovered the talking robots and found out how they behave like humans.

We took part in a science workshop, where we found out that we have 206 bones in our bodies and 32 adult teeth. We also learnt lots of new facts about how the digestive system works and what a healthy balanced diet looks like.

At the end of the day, we had time to visit the science garden and play outside on the exciting apparatus and water fountains.







