



# ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

*With Jesus beside us, we do our best*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We recognize the increasing popularity of online platforms like Fortnite and Minecraft among our pupils. While these games can be a source of entertainment, it's important to ensure our children maintain a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

As part of our commitment to ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for our students, I would like to remind you about the age restrictions for popular online games.

### **Age restrictions for online games**

There are several popular online games that children themselves stated they are playing, including:

- **Fortnite:** Recommended for ages 12 and over
- **Minecraft:** Generally suitable for ages 7 and over
- **Grand Theft Auto (GTA):** Suitable only for ages 18 and over
- **Rocket League:** Recommended for ages 9 and over

It is crucial to ensure that children are playing games that are appropriate for their age group. This helps promote a safe and appropriate gaming environment, aligning with our school's values and commitment to child safety.

### **Next Steps and Recommendations**

- **Review Game Ratings:** Check the ratings of games your child is interested in and ensure they are age-appropriate.
- **Discuss Online Safety:** Talk to your child about the importance of online safety and responsible gaming behaviour.
- **Set Time Limits:** Establish clear rules regarding the amount of time your child can spend playing online games. Children's mental health and concentration at school can become affected when they spend too long playing online games.
- **Monitor Game Content:** Regularly review the content of the games your child plays to ensure it aligns with your family's values.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher