

# Kings' Forest Primary School

Headteacher: Ms H Porter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Parent support needed: Internet Safety

Dear Families,

We are asking for your support to consider your children's gaming and internet use at home, in order to prevent inappropriate language being brought into school as part of 'chat' or play.

This language may be swear words or words which are linked to race or sex. When we have unpicked this with the children we have found that the language is being copied from gaming with an 18 certificate or from unsupervised and unfiltered content on YouTube or social media platforms. Another issue is that whilst the children may not be directly playing the games, they are watching others do so via YouTube and other platforms. This seems quite a popular pastime at the moment.

As you can imagine the language used is distressing and hurtful to others even if it is not directed at them. Some words are not for 'playing' with.

Our first priority is to educate and, as such, we always try to work with children and families so that the issues are understood and never repeated. However, some language use does place children at risk of suspension from school and we cannot tolerate language use which is damaging to the welfare of the other children. It is completely reasonable for us to act to protect others from derogatory language.

We do all we can to teach kindness, respect and that we are all human. This work can only be effective if the children receive a consistent message. Please work with us to ensure that children of primary age are not exposed to language that places them at risk.

I have included with this letter some information which may be of use.

Yours sincerely  
Ms Porter

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Football (3+),  
Minecraft PE (7+),  
Movie Star Planet  
(8+) Pokemon GO  
(3+ supervised)  
Roblox (8+)

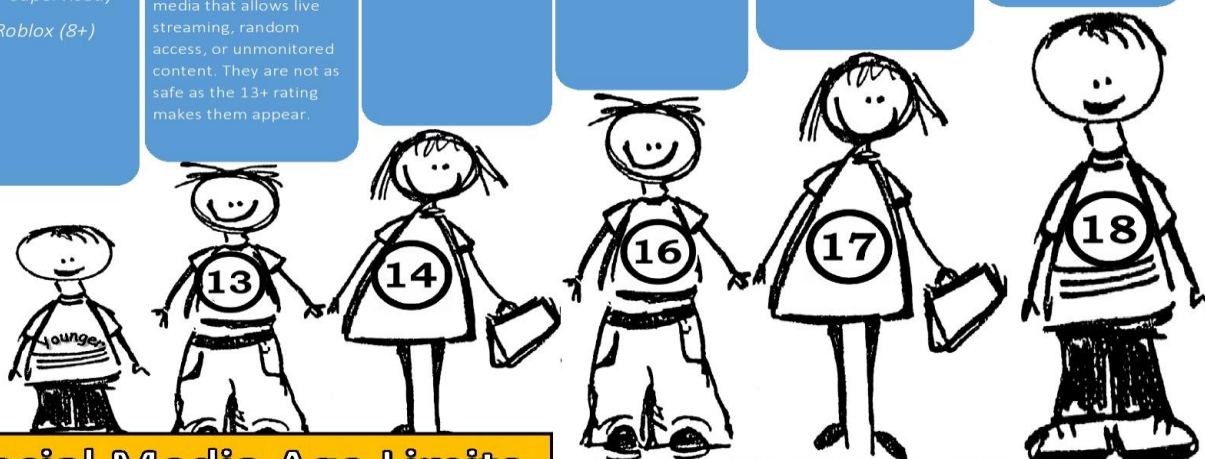
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Facetime, Google  
Hangouts, imvu, Kiwi,  
Live.ly, Musical.ly, Skype,  
Tango, Viber, Twitch.  
\*Beware of any social  
media that allows live  
streaming, random  
access, or unmonitored  
content. They are not as  
safe as the 13+ rating  
makes them appear.

LinkedIn

Whatsapp

Vine, Tinder

YouTube, WeChat,  
Kik, Call of Duty,  
Foursquare, Keek,  
Flickr, Path,



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