



Highfields Primary School Online Safety Newsletter

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Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation. Play the quiz here:

[https://
www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-
playstation-safety/](https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/)



Minecraft

Minecraft remains ever popular and with Christmas ahead of us, maybe your child will be receiving this game as one of their presents. Minecraft Legends is rated as PEGI 7 meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. The App store rate Minecraft as 9+. You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option so players can chat to each other, and in-app purchases are available. Parental controls are available, either within Minecraft or on the console itself e.g. Nintendo Switch or PlayStation.



Find out more here: <https://www.minecraft.net/enus/article/parental-controls>

WhatsApp's editing feature

You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:



[https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-
can-impact-online-safety/](https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/)

Toxicity in game play

Safe In Our World and Ubisoft (creators of games such as Assassins Creed) have co-developed the 'Good Game Playbook'. The playbook will be sent to players reporting disruptive behaviour as well as the individual reported. This is to support the person affected as well as to try and educate the person reported about the harm their behaviour might have on others.

You can read the handbook here: [https://safeinourworld.org/news/ubisoft-
safe-in-our-world-partner-to-combat-in-game-toxicity/](https://safeinourworld.org/news/ubisoft-safe-in-our-world-partner-to-combat-in-game-toxicity/)