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E-safety during Remote Learning

Dear parents/carers

Whilst the internet and online services provide invaluable resources to support home learning and periods of escapism for our children, *it remains important to continue to monitor your child's online activity and usage to ensure they are not spending too long on their screens or accessing inappropriate content.*

Keeping in touch and social media

In the current environment, many of us are using different ways to try and keep in touch with our friends and family. One app that has risen in popularity is the online gaming app and messaging/communication platform, Fortnite. In the UK the Video Standards council rate Fortnite as PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons **under 12 years** of age.

As a school, we have previously highlighted the inappropriate use of the app Tik Tok (**a 12+ App**). Again, this is rising in popularity as a means to stay connected and relieve boredom.

As and when, we will continue to provide you with information and support on how to best balance the children's use of the internet and to keep your child/ren safe online. ***If there are any apps or online services that raise a concern, or you have a concern regarding your child/ren please contact your child's class teacher immediately, or contact the school on 0207-364-1010 or via email info@cullodenacademy.org.***

Please also access the recommended websites below, to support you and your child/ren while online:

- **[Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from CEOP](#)**
- **[Advice for parents and carers from Childnet](#)**
- **[Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)**



- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)

Pupil school emails

It is very important that pupils do not use emails for 'chat' purposes as we have taught them that it is a form of legal communication and for work purposes only. If they wish to communicate with their class teacher via email, this should only be done during normal school hours.

Please remember to contact your class teacher or the school if there are any apps or online services that are of concern to you, or you have a concern regarding your child/ren being safe online. Please contact the school on 0207-364-1010 or via email info@cullodenacademy.org

Yours sincerely

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