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Dear Parents,

We would like to raise the awareness amongst all parents and carers of a growing concern of staff and the eCadets at our school about the potential negative impacts of online gaming on your child in particular where game age limits (PEGI rating) are not followed.

New technologies, including gaming, can offer our children many exciting and positive experiences. However schools are increasingly aware of the negative impact that some online gaming is having on the education, achievement, sleep and behaviour of children.

PEGI rating on games are based on the severity of the content, similar to the age rating at the cinema, eg, 18 at the cinema means the same as 18 in a game (contains gross violence, eg "depictions of violence that would make the viewer feel a sense of revulsion." PEGI.info. There may also be sexual content, the use of drugs, bad language and encouraging gambling). There is a guide with more information to help you about what the different games rating mean at <http://www.pegi.info>.

We always want to support you and as a result our eCadets can offer advise on how to change the settings on the gaming device (eg Xbox, PlayStation etc) to prevent over age games being played.

If you have any questions about this subject or anything regarding safety and security on the internet your eCadets are here to help.

Many thanks for your continued support

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