

Online Safety Bulletin

“Huggy Wuggy”

It has been brought to our attention that an alarming character going by the name of “Huggy Wuggy” is being circulated online. The character “Huggy Wuggy” is a rather sinister looking bear with razor sharp teeth that sings concerning songs about hugging and killing. This character can be easily viewed on YouTube channels and, because of its friendly name, it is able to infiltrate firewalls and filters. ‘Huggy Wuggy’ games are also being uploaded onto the Roblox app, giving further inappropriate access for our children. Please be vigilant about what your children are watching and playing, as this kind of viewing can cause concern and distress.

Age appropriate gaming, social media and films

Some of our pupils have been discussing the types of films and games that they are playing at home. Some which are being discussed contain age inappropriate content. The PEGI age guidance on games gives clear information as to whether the content is appropriate for younger children. Games such as Fortnite carry a rating of 12 and games such Grand Theft Auto are rated 18. Similarly, most social media platforms are restricted to age 13 and above.

We urge you to set up parental controls, regularly monitor the messages that are being sent and review watch history. If devices are used downstairs this also gives further protection and provides parents with a much better understanding of a child’s electronic footprint.

Further support regarding online safety can be found at-

The NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#>

Think You Know

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

The Safer Internet Centre

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>