Monday 3rd December, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

**Safeguarding Concerns**

Further to the text sent out on Saturday, I would like to provide more information about the online safeguarding concern I received from the Bradford District Cyber Team. The details are given below:

*We have received reports from several 9-11 year olds across the Bradford District regarding them been approached online, predominantly on PlayStation 4 Network, via a user under the name of ‘Amanda’.*

*Concern has been raised that this individual is talking to children from the Bradford District, firstly making derogatory comments to them and secondly trying to persuade the children to meet them in Bradford.*

*This concern has been passed to the Police who are looking into the matter.*

I would also like to provide the following information about the game ‘Fortnite’ which a number of our children have admitted to playing despite it being rated at ‘12’.

*There is an emerging trend, where people are playing strip Fortnite using webcams. The rule is that when you achieve a “kill” you have to strip off, potentially adding an additional risk from children being exposed to and/or sharing indecent images whilst playing the game.*

Whilst the internet is an incredibly valuable tool for learning and increasingly for organising every-day life, we must all work together to ensure our children remain safe. Please continue to be vigilant about monitoring your child’s online and gaming activity, following advice about appropriate age restrictions for games and reporting any concerns without delay to a member of the safeguarding team who will be able to put you in contact with the relevant external agency should this be appropriate.

For further information about keeping your child safe online please visit:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

Best Wishes

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