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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has come to my attention that many of our Junior School students are playing *Fortnite* (Battle Royale). This game has an 'M' rating due to its action violence and online interactivity, and it is **not** suitable for primary-aged children.

Commonsense Media (an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to helping families make smart media choices) does not recommend *Fortnite* for children aged 12 years or younger. Although the game uses cartoon-style graphics, it remains a combat-based game involving an array of weaponry, with the aim being to kill off every other player.

Fortnite is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One and Mac, and also as a mobile app for iPhones – there are many platforms on which your son could be playing. It is highly addictive. The online chat feature is particularly concerning; if enabled, it allows children to be exposed to potentially offensive language and mature content from strangers.

I am aware that students from Prep through to Year 6 are playing *Fortnite* outside of school hours. I strongly encourage you to be vigilant about what your child is playing and to consider the appropriateness of such online games.

Yours sincerely,



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