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Dear Parents

## RE: Online Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some of our pupils are playing an online game called "Roblox" which is an online gaming platform. Please make sure you are keeping your child safe online.

The definition of an **online game** is a video game that is either partially or primarily played through the Internet or another computer network. Online games are found everywhere on modern gaming platforms, including PCs, consoles and mobile devices, and span many genres, including first-person shooters, strategy games and massively multiplayer online role-playing games (MMORPG). The significant majority of online games are 12+ and Roblox is one of them.

Games are given a 12+ rating because it could contain:

Infrequent/mild cartoon or fantasy violence

Infrequent/mild realistic violence

## PEGI (Pan European Game Information) Advice

### Tips for parents

PEGI provides advice regarding the age suitability of a game. However, every child is different. Ultimately parents should decide what their children are capable of viewing or experiencing. Here are a few tips:

- Always look for the age classification on the game package or via the search engine on this website.
- Try to look for a summary or review of the game content or ideally play the game yourself first.
- Play video games with your children, watch over them when they play and talk with them about the games they play. Explain why certain games are not suitable.
- Be aware that online games sometimes enable the download of extra software that can alter the game content and eventually the age classification of the game.
- Online games are usually played in virtual communities requiring players to interact with unknown fellow players. Tell your children not to give out personal details and report inappropriate behaviour.
- Set the limits by using the parental control tools of the game console or pc.

A copy of the PEGI Good Gaming Guide can be found on our school website [www.st-philips.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-philips.lancs.sch.uk) under the e-safety link.

There is a hard copy of this guide in the school reception area if you wish to come in and read it or ask further questions.

Yours sincerely

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