

# Online Game Briefing Note 1: Fortnite

## What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is a hugely popular survival action game that is centred around short play sessions, and is available in both a game console/PC and mobile version.

Players can battle with up to 100 other live players in solo mode, pairs or teams, and the goal is to be the last player standing.



## What age group is Fortnite aimed at?

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, due to "the frequent scenes of mild violence".

*It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age".*

The PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game, and not the contact element. When in contact with other players, they may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.

## Advice for parents

It's important to be involved in the child's online life, and a simple yet effective way to do this is by talking to them about their life online.

The NSPCC suggest the TEAM method for online safety:

- T**alk about staying safe online
- E**xplore their online world together
- A**gree rules about what's ok and what's not
- M**anage your family's settings and controls

For more information, parents can access the [Ultimate Guide to Fortnite](#).

## What do we need to know about the game?

- **You need to create an account:** in order to play Fortnite, you have to create an account. To do this, you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and a display/username. However, you are not asked your age in order to create an account.
- **You are playing against other players:** as Fortnite is an online game, you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You **cannot** turn this communication off, or choose who you play against.
- **You can make in-game purchases:** although Fortnite is free to play, other aspects of the game are not. There are packs which give you different access to the full game and extensions, bonuses and weapons. These start at £34.99 and go up to £119.99. The game does ask players to make additional in-game purchases whilst playing, although these are not required to play the game.
- **The graphics:** Fortnite does feature violence when players are in combat with each other. The game is in a cartoon style, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.
- **Where you can play:** Fortnite is currently available on PC, Mac, PlayStation and Xbox and on Apple products (iOS).

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