



Mount Pleasant Primary School

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Dropping Off and Picking Up

Soon our new 'Dropping Off and Picking Up Policy' will be available on the school website. This document outlines routines and procedures for the beginning and end of the school day. For now could we please remind you of the following:

- Please avoid coming into the school office at the start of the day. If you have any messages, please give these to the member of staff on the gate
- Children below Year 6 must be accompanied to the gate
- If someone other than yourselves is collecting your child from school, staff must be informed. This is also applicable to after school club; we will also not let children walk home unaccompanied without prior notice
- The school gates are locked between 9.00am and 2.55pm. They are also locked again at 3:15pm

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Safeguarding Newsletter

What is Safeguarding?

As a school have a duty of care towards the safety and welfare of all children and adults.

At Mount Pleasant nothing is more important to us than the safety and welfare of our children. We believe it is essential that you keep safe and feel safe whether this is at school or out playing with friends.

We take rigorous steps to ensure that our children stay safe and do not come to any harm

The aim of this newsletter is to communicate important information and advice to parents in order to support them in the safeguarding of their children at home.

E Safety



We are aware that many of our children, including those in Early Years are playing the online game Fortnite.

This is the online advice from Parentzone, experts in online safety.



Fortnite is rated 12+ by PEGI, Pan European Game Information for its frequent scenes of mild violence, meaning it is deemed unsuitable for children under the age of 12. This rating is simply advisory for parents. As with all games of this type, children younger than 12 are engaging with the game. Therefore, it is important that parents are aware of all the safety concerns around Fortnite and can facilitate safer gameplay for their children.

What steps can you take to safeguard your child?

- If opening an account, it is important that they do not create a username that could give away any personal details. There is also no age verification process. Therefore, be aware of the risks if your child has, or wants to, open an account.
- Fortnite offers three levels of privacy settings: Public, where anyone can enter your child's online party; Friends, where only friends can join a party; and Private, which means that no one can enter your child's party without being invited by the child themselves. Discuss the level appropriate to your child.
- Fortnite also allows for Voice-Chat to be disabled. Make yourself and your child familiar with the game's settings and, if you deem it inappropriate, turn Voice-Chat off.
- Speak to your child about unwanted contact and tell them what to do if someone speaks to them in a nasty or inappropriate way, or asks them for personal information. Ask them to come to you if they are unsure about unwanted contact or have been exposed to something inappropriate.

Although the rating for this game is advisory, it is important that parents are aware of the content of ANY games played by their child. Children must also be taught what to do if things go wrong, particularly if they receive abuse or threats. Many games have a built in reporting system that can be used to report any problems. You can also report issues and seek advice from CEOP, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command.

