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Dear parent/carer,

It has come to our attention that a number of children are playing the game Fortnite at home. On Fortnite there are some concerning trends and language being used with sexual connotations. For example, 'humping', 'tea bagging' and 'sucking bananas'. Whilst within the game they are not sexual acts they are mimicking inappropriate physical movements towards another person in the game. Unfortunately, the children are then copying this language and movement within their play, which I am sure you agree has safeguarding concerns for us. Additionally, children are watching YouTube videos focused on these 'acts' within the game.

May I remind you that the PEGI recommended age rating for this game is 12 years and we do not deem it suitable for primary aged children. However, if you are choosing to allow your child to play this game please can we encourage you to supervise your child's play and ensure that parent controls are enabled. Within this game it is possible for children to talk to other players whom they may not know and engaging in other chat through other platforms for example 'discord'.

We attach for your information some factsheets giving your further advice and guidance regarding Fortnite. Here is a link to our website where there are more guides for parents on different games and consoles.

<https://www.eastry.kent.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/on-line-safety>

Thank you for your continued support to help us safeguard your children.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Moss'.

Sarah Moss
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