



December 2023 Newsletter

Online Gaming

Video length: 11 minutes.

Welcome to the third video of this online safety series.

In this video I discuss the topic of online gaming and emphasise that whilst to some, gaming just means playing games, but to children it is quite different and there are 2 main reasons for this:

- A large number of children of all ages play games to socialise - their friendship groups.
- A small number of children play games to escape something that is, or has, gone wrong in their lives. In other words, they use games as a coping mechanism.

Click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser. You will also find some links below the video link that you may find useful.

<https://vimeo.com/847060817/685f552bc6?share=copy>

Useful Links:

Gaming – the benefits:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/online-gaming-the-benefits/>

Gaming Hub - Lots of useful information here: gaming age guides, what you need to know, choosing the best games, setting limits and more:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Common Sense Media - If your child is asking you about a game and you're not sure, it's worth having a look on the Common Sense Media website where you can find advice and opinion about thousands of games.

<https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews>

Taming Gaming - this is a brilliant resource for parents, with lots of useful information. The site is owned by a father who is a big gaming enthusiast.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/features/Curated+Lists+of+Amazing+Video+Games+that+Parents+Love>

Diary Dates Reminder

Tues 19 Dec Close for Christmas – 2.15pm

Thurs 4 Jan 2024 School re-opens for pupils

Our academy 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 term dates are available on our website.

Goodbye – a fond farewell!

Dear Parents / Carers,

As this is my final newsletter as the Principal of Enfield Academy, I would like to say a huge thank you for the support, kindness and community spirit you have shown over the years during my time at Enfield.

I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing my working days with your amazing children, whom I shall miss tremendously.

I am leaving with the assured knowledge that the academy is left in the very safe and capable hands of Mrs Lowe, leading an incredible team of hardworking and dedicated staff.

I look forward to hearing the news that the building works are complete and that the additional classrooms and new library are up and running – it will be a very exciting time!

All that remains for me to say is have a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all the very best health and happiness in 2024.

Yours sincerely,
Amanda Scott

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that in January, Miss Armstrong will be returning to Enfield Academy to become the class teacher for Kestrel Class. She will be covering in and out of the class between now and the end of term, as Mrs Lowe begins her transition to her new role as Principal of Enfield.

Message from Mrs Lowe

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Scott a happy and well-deserved retirement after many successful years at Enfield. We will all miss her greatly. I am incredibly excited to take up my new role as Principal at Enfield in January and I will be writing to you in the New Year to share more about my vision and plans for the future. For now, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year and I look forward to seeing you all back in January.