

EPS At-
tendance **96.5%**
Target

R— 96.5%

Y1— 97.6%

Y2—96.9%

Y3—96.3%

Y4— 96.9%

Y5—98.3%

Y6— 94.9%

Overall attendance
for the whole
school for
march was averag-
ing at **96.8%**.

**This is meeting
our target.**

Please help us to
raise this % by
ensuring your child
attendance is good
or better.

**Is your child's
class**

**"On time at
5 to 9" ?**

School opens at
8.45am when chil-
dren can go to their
classrooms and get
ready for the start
of the school day.
Please make sure
that your child is in
their class, ready to
work by **8.55am** at
the latest.

April 2021

Online -safety

These are useful websites for parents to explore.



Any social networking site has potential for
good and bad – it's the privacy settings and behaviour of the individual which
are more important.

Parents need to monitor all social media and more importantly talk to their
children about safe use.

Here is apps guide which promote safe use and highlight how children can
keep themselves safe when they are interacting.



parents' guide to apps

Term dates. -

Thursday 1st April —School closes
for Easter

Mon 19th April—school reopens
for summer term

Monday 3rd May Bank holiday

No Year 1 Phonics Screening

No year 2 SATs

No year 6 SATS

Half term : 31st May— 4th June

End of term: Tuesday 20th July

Happy Birthday to all our
children who celebrate their
birthdays in April

Rec: Hetty, Oliver-Jay, Finley,
Antoni

1: Mia, Kristers

2: Constance, Claude, Kian,
Kiya, Oliver, Shriya

3: Amelia, Millie, Mia

4: Imogen

5: Zayan,

6: Matilda, Reid, Alphan

Link for



School admissions and appeals

Lateral flow tests

Staff in school will continue to use lateral flow tests over the Easter break to support the Test and Trace system. Please continue to report any positive cases and we will forward the information to PHE.

Vaccinations

As the essential programme of vaccination programme continues it is noted that some people feel the effect of the vaccination as flu like symptoms for 1—5 days afterwards. This may have an affect on staffing in the coming months.

Message from Public Health England

Testing for parents and households of staff and pupils

Parents and other adults in households with children or staff at nursery, who do not have symptoms, can now also access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect or order their test to take at home, twice-weekly.

Please share this information with your households and parent networks to help answer any questions they may have. Nurseries, schools and colleges should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

ISOLATION PERIODS, DEFINITIONS OF CLOSE CONTACT AND INFECTIOUS PERIOD FOR COVID-19

- ❖ Positive person: isolate for at least 10 days AND until well and fever free for 48 hours
- ❖ Identify **ALL** close contacts in infectious period (see below for definitions) – all to isolate for 10 days (14 days if contact in a health and care setting)
 - ❖ *Contacts don't need a test unless have symptoms*
 - ❖ *Close contacts that receive a negative test result must still complete 10-day isolation (14 days if contact in a health and care setting)*
- ❖ Follow [‘Stay at home’](#) guidance

DEFINITIONS

CLOSE CONTACTS	INFECTIOUS PERIOD
Direct physical contact (any duration)	If symptomatic: 2 clear days before day on which symptoms start – and for 10 days after
Close contact under 1m for 1 minute or more	
Face-to-face contact under 1m (any duration)	No symptoms: 2 clear days before the day of the test – to 10 days after
1-2m for 15 minutes or more	
Travel in a vehicle	

Child safety on Fortnite: parent factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is free to download on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

What safety options are available to parents?

Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to set time limits on game play, set age limits for content, and restrict in-app purchases.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)

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The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
- Select the 'audio' tab
- You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

[Support, Epic Games](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email-us)

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What else can I do?

Further tips

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screen-time/).
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- The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.
<https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>

Sources for this factsheet

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[Fortnite, Epic Games](https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home)

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'Fortnite chat raises stranger danger fears from NSPCC', BBC News, 3 May 2018

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>

Fortnite: all you need to know, Net aware, from the NSPCC and O2

<https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home>

Blocking and reporting

Encourage your child to report bad gamer behaviour—this might be cheating, grieving or abusive behaviour.

Fortnite have a support site where you can email a report to the developers for investigation <http://bit.ly/fortnitereport>

Make sure to include the player's full in-game name, spelled as accurately as possible. If it looks like the player is using unusual or uncommon characters in their in-game name, take a screenshot and send this too.

If you are concerned about possible abusive or grooming behaviour from other players, consider using the CEOP Report Abuse tool <http://bit.ly/ceopreport>

Talk, share and enjoy

To really understand Fortnite: Battle Royale, play together with your child and talk with them about why they enjoy it. Talk about your concerns, and discuss how you can work together to keep safe.

Encourage them to share their gaming with you and give them the confidence to come to you if they have any worries.

More help and support

<http://bit.ly/internetmattersfortnite>
<http://bit.ly/commononsensefortnite>



www.somersetelim.org



A Guide to Inform Parents

What is it?

Fortnite: Battle Royale is a game which combines Minecraft-style building with shooting for survival. It has been described as 'Call of Duty for kids' and has 40 million players worldwide. It can be played on the PC, Xbox or Playstation.

Why is it popular?

The game is fast and generally lasts no more than 30 minutes. It has a silly sense of humour and is popular with YouTubers such as DanTDM and JackSepticEye. Children may have seen their favourite YouTubers playing it and want to play it themselves.

Is it safe?

With safety settings and the involvement of parents, it can be a positive and engaging experience. The action is 'high quality cartoon' in appearance, and players work together to plan strategies and tactics. Fortnite: Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 by the Video Standards Council for frequent scenes of mild violence.



For more information, read inside

What do I need to know?

The game

During the game, 100 players leap out of a flying battle bus on to a small island and then fight each other until only one is left. Hidden around the island are weapons and items, including crossbows, rifles and grenade launchers. Players must arm themselves while exploring the buildings and landscape. Zombie creatures are also hunting you, but you can collect resources to build structures where you can hide or defend yourself. As the game progresses, the safe zone shrinks, so players are forced closer together. The last player (or squad) is the winner.

Players can play by themselves, as a duo or as a squad (up to 4 players). Each time a match starts, you are playing against other Fortnite users, and can hear their conversation. Sound is very important to the game – footsteps, chests of loot opening – so players will want headphones so they can listen out for noises.

Although Fortnite is a multiplayer shooter, it has a bright, friendly visual style and it does not depict bloody violence.

The players

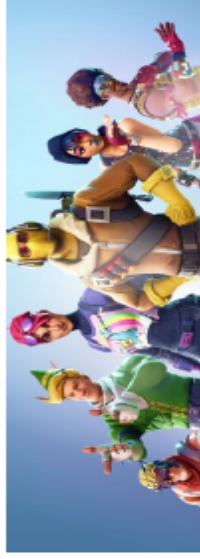
Fortnite is a multiplayer game, with an online chat option which can be turned off for players your child doesn't know. It's possible to team up with a friend, or group of friends, and compete as a duo or a squad. This adds a social element, and children can chat as they play using headsets and microphones.

Many children are now forming Fortnite teams, and spending a lot of their free time playing and practising the game together.

The cost

The game is free and players are able to unlock new items as they progress without paying anything. However, on the Xbox, you'll need a Gold Subscription to play online.

Fortnite has an in-game currency called V-Bucks. It costs £7.99 to download 1000 V-Bucks. If you purchase a Premium Battle Pass for 950 V-Bucks, you can get exclusive clothing and items, with new items released every week. The items are purely cosmetic and don't affect gameplay or give you an advantage.



Security, settings and screentime

To avoid children speaking to strangers during the game, set up a Party of friends before they play. This means that they are only able to communicate with people they know, and other players voices will be muted.

Although children will want to use headphones during the games, so they don't miss important noises, you should consider setting the sound so it comes through the TV and headphones. This means that you can hear what is being said during gameplay.

If they're playing on an Xbox or PlayStation you can use the parental controls to limit the length of gaming sessions.

Fortnite matches can last up to 30 minutes, and children won't want to stop playing in the middle of a game as they will leave team-mates in the lurch and lose any points they've earned for that game. You could use a timer, or discuss in advance how long you are happy for them to play.