



Dear Parents/Carers

During today's session we talked about keeping safe whilst using computers etc., the session aims to provide children with simple and effective skills to keep themselves safe whilst accessing computers or viewing films and computer games etc.,

Topics covered :

KS scenarios around computer safety, dealing with inappropriate images/material on the Internet, where else children may see/read unsuitable material i.e., mobile phones, D.V.D's, games, television etc., film classifications U, PG, 12A, 15 and 18 and why they are there, computer game classifications 3+, 7+ etc., and why they are there and how peer pressure can impact on what children watch and play.

It has become apparent that many children are watching films or playing computer games that are classified as being unsuitable for their age. For example a 7 year old watching films or playing games classified as 15 or 18. We would urge all parents and carers to familiarise themselves and be aware of which films and games their children have access to, some of the games often mentioned are Call of Duty (COD) and Grand Theft Auto (GTA), these have an age rating of 18.

An explanation of film classifications is found on the cover of videos and D.V.D's, and further information can be found at www.bbfc.co.uk. Computer game classifications can be found at www.pegi.info. Research has shown that exposure to inappropriate film or game content/material can cause children immediate or long term emotional distress or harm.

Awareness and monitoring of what children watch or play is an important element when keeping children safe from harm. We would welcome any comments you or your children have in relation to this session, please feel free to contact Mrs Mackenzie or Mrs Daly on 01229 833840.

Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Daly