

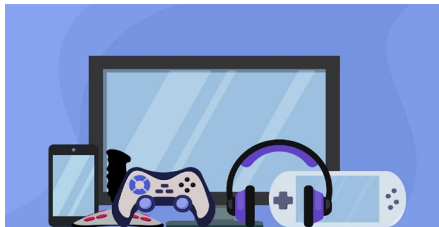


Did you know? – **1 in 5 internet users in the UK are children.** It is important to keep children safe online.

ONLINE GAMING

Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play.

For information about the positives of gaming, watch the YouTube video: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers.](#)



The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system can be a useful tool to help you decide what online games are appropriate for your child.

For more information on the PEGI system, read [Gaming: what's appropriate for your child.](#)

The rating means **that the game shouldn't be played by a young person under that age.**

PEGI Age Ratings

PEGI provides advice regarding the age suitability of a game. Games rated 12, 16 and 18 must not be supplied to children below those ages.



PEGI 3

Suitable for everyone but you might see very mild cartoon violence.



PEGI 7

The same as above but may also have scary looking characters. Violence between vehicles may also be seen, for example cars crashing into each other.



PEGI 12

May contain unrealistic more violence towards humans or realistic violence towards fantasy characters such as dragons or trolls. May also contain mild swearing and naughty jokes.



Parental Guidance

This rating only appears on apps. It warns you that these apps are very big and could contain lots of different things. Examples include Instagram and Netflix.



PEGI 16

May contain more realistic violence towards humans and strong bad language. It might show love scenes and people not wearing clothes. There may be people taking illegal drugs or drinking alcohol and smoking.



PEGI 18

The same as above but may contain very strong violence, as well as other things that are only suitable for adults.

