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Dear Parents/Carers,

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As Christmas nears, many of us may purchase exciting new technology, video games and films for our children. We hope you will find the following reminders and information useful.

Wearable Technology: Please remember to keep any wearable technology for home use only. **Wearable technology is not permitted in school at any time.** If children come to school wearing this, the staff will place this in the school safe and it will be returned to the parent at the end of the school day.

Mobile Phones: As above, these are not permitted in school. Please keep them safely at home.

Gaming Consoles: This **Internet Matters** link - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/> will enable you can find out how to set up the controls for many of the different gaming consoles. They also provide advice which you may find useful when selecting the technology to purchase <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/> .

Game suitability: Ask About Games is useful for advice and tips on family gaming www.askaboutgames.com. The **Video Standards** site is also useful <https://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/parents> .They can't tell you how good, bad or indifferent a video game might be, but they will supply detailed content information (the amount and type of violence, bad language, sex, etc, in a game), so that you can be absolutely certain you are making the correct purchasing decision.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/guide> is a brilliant source of information where guides can be downloaded for many different aspects of technology.

Please do consider the impact inappropriate rated material has on young children who do not understand the content and may struggle to cope with the feelings or images they are seeing. While some games have educational content, many of the most popular games emphasise negative themes and promote.

Did you know that one of the most popular car video games, which some of our children are aware of through observing older siblings/parents, includes –

- *the killing of people or animals*
- *the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol*
- *criminal behaviour, disrespect for authority and the law*
- *sexual exploitation and violence toward women*
- *racial, sexual, and gender stereotypes*
- *foul language, obscenities, and obscene gestures*

We hope you have great fun making your choices and that the children enjoy their experiences with the vast array of technology, films and games that are available.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Turner
Headteacher

Having fun, achieving excellence.

Successful learners. Confident individuals. Responsible citizens.