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## **Online Gaming**

## Online Gaming - Guidance and Support for Families

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting online safety and digital wellbeing, we would like to draw your attention to a valuable resource provided by the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL), a leading organisation in online safety education.

The topic of **online gaming** continues to be highly relevant to many of our students. While gaming can be a fun, social, and educational activity, it also comes with risks that both children and adults need to be aware of. These may include exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, excessive screen time, and in-game purchases.

To support families in navigating these challenges, we recommend visiting the SWGfL's dedicated page on gaming: <u>Topic - Online Safety and Gaming | SWGfL</u>

This webpage provides practical, up-to-date information to help you:

- Understand popular games and platforms used by children
- Set up parental controls and privacy settings
- Manage screen time and in-game spending
- Discuss online behaviour and safety with your child

We encourage you to explore this resource and use it as a tool to start open, supportive conversations at home about healthy and responsible gaming habits.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like further support, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Leader or a member of the safeguarding team via the school office: office@vynersschool.org.uk

## **Additional resources**

- <a href="https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf">https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf</a>
- Topic Online Safety and Gaming | SWGfL
- Online gaming safety advice | A parents' guide Internet Matters
- Gaming: what parents and carers need to know