



## Concerns & Ways to be Vigilant



This video game welcomes players aged 12 and above and gives users the ability to text and voice chat.

- \* The National Crime Agency (NCA) has revealed that there have been numerous reports of the game being infiltrated by pedophiles trying to talk to young children via the text and voice chat.
- \* The NCA also states that text chats between players over the internet cannot be turned off, meaning that parents are unaware their children are messaging strangers online.

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### ***Although the text chat cannot be turned off, the voice chat can be disabled.***

- \* Open settings and chose the audio tab at the top of the screen (looks like a speaker icon).
- \* From here, you can disable voice chat entirely.

### ***Know how to make a report.***

- \* On Fortnite, you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu.

### ***Limit time spent:***

- \* Give children quantities in terms of the number of battles they can play, instead of prescribing an amount of time they can play.
- \* For example: "You can play three battles today and then I'd like for you to turn it off."
- \* It is impossible to 'pause' the game, as many parents have found out, so prescribing time limits can cause a fight between you and your child as they are almost at the point of victory, and then are told to switch it off.
- \* Setting limits through the number of battles they can play, avoids these fights.

### ***Play with them.***

- \* One of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people.
- \* Have them play in an area you can see them.
- \* Not only does this help you moderate and manage how long they're playing, it also makes it easier to check that they are not being targeted online.