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What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

LIMIT CONTROLS TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time your child is playing games on the devices. In some cases, the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. Make sure to check with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play. If the game is used for more than ten minutes, it may be hard to take them away from a game mid-play. It may be worth using a limit of the amount of matches they rather than a time limit.

PREVENT THEM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means they wouldn’t be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. Your child will still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people’s conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab of the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

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NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Any person playing Fortnite to log in, you have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google account or their email address. When logging in with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE

PS4 has games rated M and T. Despite the game industry’s efforts to reduce violence and weapons, such as violence, violence-laden online content, and online violence, the game does not contain any form of violence.

‘Fortnite - Battle Royale’ is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with your child’s account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a paywall, or a game’s console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which can help you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

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It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.