

Here at Swimbridge Primary School we want to support parents in understanding the PEGI rating system. We have devised this handout to help parents identify the most appropriate games for their child's age group.

Game Ratings



PEGI 3 – This rating is for games that are considered appropriate for all age groups.



PEGI 7 – These games may contain scenes or sounds that are considered frightening for younger children. There may be more violence in these games but it will be of an unrealistic nature and usually involve fantasy characters rather than humans. Implied violence may also appear in these games.



PEGI 12 – Games with this rating include more graphic and realistic violence scenes involving fantasy characters. Any violence towards human characters is still unrealistic unless it is considered low level. Sexual posturing may be included in these games as well as sexual innuendo. Mild swearing may also be found in games with this rating as well as some strong threat and dread scenes. This is the lowest rating a game that contains reference to gambling can receive.



PEGI 16 – Mature and realistic violence against human characters is likely to be seen in games with this rating. Death and injury to humans will be more common. Sexual activity may be shown with private areas hidden and there may be depictions of erotic nudity. Bad language can be heard in games with this rating which includes sexual expletives. The use of alcohol and tobacco may be encouraged as well as reference to illegal drugs. Games with this rating may glamourise crime.










PEGI 18 – This is considered as an adult classification. The violence at this level is referred to as 'gross violence' due to the horrific methods of death and severe injury which may include decapitation and torture. These games may also include violence towards innocents including children and the elderly. Sexual violence and threat may also be involved as well as more visible sexual activity. Criminal activities may be included in detail and may glamourise the use of illegal drugs.



Internet Safety - Gaming

Gaming Descriptors

 Game involves violent behaviour	 Game involves bad language
 Game involves frightening scenes	 Game involves nudity and sexual behaviour
 Game involves reference to gambling	 Game involves reference to discrimination
 Game involves reference to illegal drugs	 Game involves online community

Online Gaming

Online gaming varies from arcade games to larger multiplayer gaming communities. Online games may be played on gaming devices or through websites on a browser. Before children play games of this nature, they need to know how to behave responsibly and stay safe. PEGI online is an extension on the PEGI rating system to help parents to identify suitable online games. However, it is important to remember not all online games have this sort of rating and may not be appropriate for children, even if they appear on children's gaming websites. Further information and advice on online gaming is available on the gaming

Further information

The information in this document was used from the following websites. These websites contain sections for parents which contain further information on the PEGI rating system and online gaming. Both websites also contain step by step instructions for setting up parental controls on gaming devices.

www.videostandards.org.uk/Home/

www.pegi.info/en/