Tuesday 17th September 2024

Dear Parents,

We are aware that a number of children are playing the online game Roblox. Roblox is a game creator system where the majority of the content is created by "amateur" game creators in Roblox studio. These game makers are able to create and publish games to the community using simple tools. And that means they can try ideas that wouldn't get funded for a commercial release. These games can then be played by children worldwide, often online together, through a phone or tablet application or a web browser.

Roblox games reflect the sort of imaginative play you often find in the playground. One child has an idea about a game to play, others join him or her and the rules slowly change as the group decides how to have fun together. Creators can quickly update and adjust their games with Roblox studio. This ever-changing and expanding library of games is a big part of why so many are playing Roblox.

Roblox includes age recommendations on all content on the platform. These categories are:

- all ages: content is suitable for everyone with only mild violence or small amounts of unrealistic blood
- 9+: content is suitable for everyone aged 9 and older with more instances of mild violence or heavy amounts of unrealistic blood
- 13+: content is suitable for everyone aged 13 and older with frequent instances of more serious violence and small amounts of realistic blood

Being an online game means that players in Roblox can interact and communicate with each other in various ways. This can be via voice or written text once friend requests have been made. This can be on a PC, tablet or Xbox.

Recently we have been made aware of problems involving communication between our pupils using Roblox. We would ask parents to regularly check their child's account and set parental controls. We do not wish to spoil the children's fun, but would hope that the game is being used for the correct purpose.

For further information please use the below link.

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/

We hope to hold an online safety meeting with parents in the Autumn Term. More details to follow.

Yours sincerely,
Mr S Campbell
Principal