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Roblox

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning a parent requested some further advice on an internet game that their child wanted to access at home. I have sought advice from the Dorset Police Safer Schools and Communities team and their advice is listed below.

Roblox is a multi-game platform where users can play games designed by other users and create and share their own games. However, because content is user-generated it can mean that some games might not be appropriate for young children. For example, whilst the graphics are not very life like, some of the games feature weapons and blood.

All games are multiplayer and include a written chat feature, which is visible to players within each individual game. Users can also make and receive friend requests during gameplay and this means that they can chat to each other outside of the game.

Roblox insists that all chat is filtered, which means inappropriate language is replaced by symbols. Roblox also employs human monitors who keep an eye out for inappropriate language and content. However, even with the monitors and filtered chat, people have figured out ways to bypass this, so knowing who you're talking to is vital for safe interaction.

If parents/carers actively turn this feature off then other users should not be able to get through. You can read more about the Roblox chat features and the way that these are moderated on the [community guidelines](#) and [within their safety features](#).

The Safer Schools and Communities Team (SSCT) are not able to confirm whether parental settings set on Xbox would cover all games or whether parents/carers would still actively need to adjust the settings on Roblox too. The SSCT stress that it is important that when the family sign up to the game they create an account using the correct age. On Roblox, certain safety settings and parental controls are enabled by default for children under 13.

Attached to this letter you will find a Roblox control and settings guide. This has been provided by InternetMatters.org

I hope you find this useful.

With best wishes,

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