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Thomas.EXE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my letter dated 18th October 2023, I have another update in regards to e-safety.

The school has been made aware of Thomas.EXE, a new interpretation of Thomas the Tank Engine. This involves horror games that can be played on several platforms and also horror videos that can be accessed/viewed on You Tube.

Again I have referred this to the Police Safer School Communities team. They have reviewed the content and have provided the following advice that I am encouraged to circulate to the whole school community.

- The game is not recommended for any child under the age of 13.
- The SSCT have watched several of the Youtube videos and again would not recommend that any child under the age of 13 views these.
- A lot of this all comes down to parental settings on different operating systems and on Youtube.
- Ideally children in infant schools should only be accessing Youtube Kids.
- There is a danger that if videos are watched on Youtube, potentially the algorithms will produce other gruesome content which could be 18+.
- If autoplay is switched off this will stop this.

The SSCT recommend two resources to support this and I include the relevant hyperlinks below:

[O2 Guru top tips on YouTube parental settings - YouTube](#)

[YouTube parental controls and supervised accounts | Internet Matters](#)

I hope you find this useful. It is important that we all work together to ensure that our children stay safe online.

With best wishes,

Doug

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Headteacher