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Fortnite is age 12 PEGI rating?



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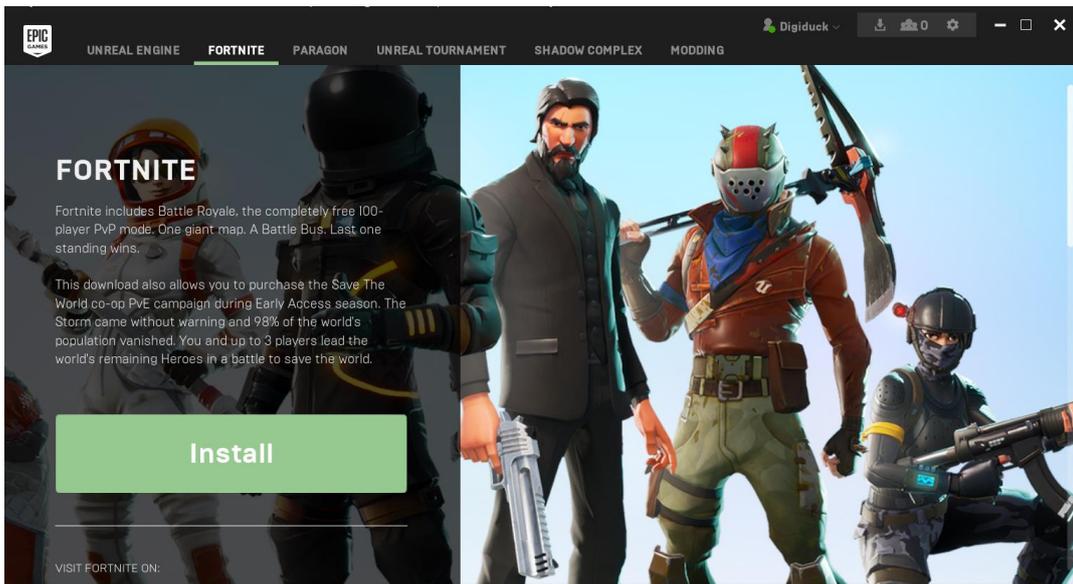
A parents guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale

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At Childnet our Education Officers go into schools each day to deliver online safety Education Sessions to pupils, parents and teachers. Recently in these [Education Sessions](#) we have been noticing an increasing number of young people talking about the game 'Fortnite'. In this blog we are giving guidance to parents about Fortnite, looking at what the game is and some of the things to be aware of.

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an online game, Battle Royale is a part of Fortnite where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, the free segment of Fortnite, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.



Users are playing against people of different ages from across the world, and Fortnite has in game audio chat so that players can talk and interact with each other as they play.

What age rating is Fortnite?

Fortnite has a [PEGI rating of 12](#), PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'.

This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.

What do I need to know?

- **You need to create an account**

In order to play Fortnite you have to create an account. To create this account you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and display/user name. However you are not asked your age in order to create an account.

- **You are playing against other players**

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You **can** turn this communication off in your setting or choose who you play against. You are also able to block or mute other players who are behaving in an inappropriate manner.

- **You can make in game purchases**

Although Battle Royale is free to play, other aspects of the game are not. There are packs which give you different access to the full game and extensions, in game currency and 'skins' which edit the design of your character. These start at £8 and go up to £119.99. The game does ask players to make additional in-game purchases whilst playing, though these are not required to play the game.

- **The graphics**

Fortnite does feature violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.

- **Where you can play**

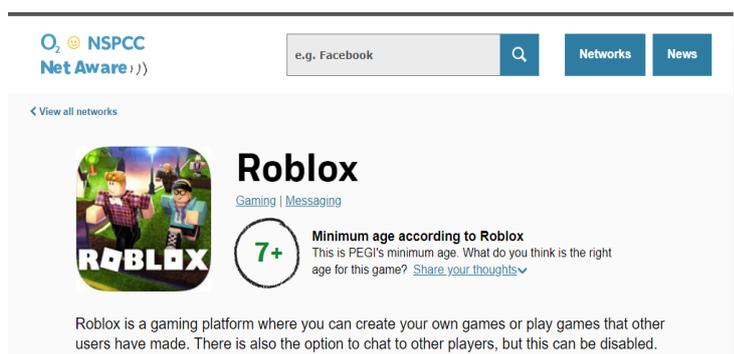
Fortnite is currently available on PC, Mac, PlayStation and Xbox , and on IOS (apple products) and Android. It is downloadable from the Fortnite website, this download gives access to both the free and paid for versions of the game.

For more information, use these sites:

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/



The screenshot shows the Net Aware website interface. At the top left, there is a logo for O2 NSPCC Net Aware. To the right is a search bar with the text 'e.g. Facebook' and a magnifying glass icon. Further right are two buttons labeled 'Networks' and 'News'. Below the search bar, there is a link '< View all networks'. The main content area features a profile for 'Roblox'. On the left is the Roblox logo, which is a circular icon with the word 'ROBLOX' in a stylized font. To the right of the logo, the name 'Roblox' is displayed in a large, bold font. Below the name, it says 'Gaming | Messaging'. A circular icon with the number '7+' indicates the minimum age. To the right of this icon, there is a section titled 'Minimum age according to Roblox' with the text 'This is PEGI's minimum age. What do you think is the right age for this game?' and a link 'Share your thoughts'. At the bottom of the profile, there is a paragraph of text: 'Roblox is a gaming platform where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. There is also the option to chat to other players, but this can be disabled.'