Digital Guide for Parents

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Generative AI - A guide for parents



This aligns with our mission: to provide a caring and stimulating environment that fosters respect and values diversity, enabling all individuals to become healthy, confident, and ambitious learners who succeed and achieve their full potential.

Through AI, we aim to support our curriculum aims:

· Develop pupils as ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout life.

· Nurture enterprising, creative contributors prepared to play a full part in life and work.

· Shape ethical, informed citizens ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.

In Torfaen we are through the use of HWB giving pupils access to Microsoft Generative AI. Through the HWB login the pupils can access tools on Adobe to generate images from text and support them in creating videos and presentations. As this is through HWB there are very strict restrictions in place with keyword filters that prohibit the generation of unsuitable material. Through their HWB account the pupils do not have access to Co-Pilot or Gemini tools that the teaching staff have.

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At Tonysguboriau Primary School, we embrace Assistive Intelligence as a powerful tool to enhance teaching and learning while upholding the highest standards of responsibility and ethics. Guided by our vision—“Happy to do our best … Hapus i wneud ein gorau … for ourselves, for each other, for our community, for our world, for our future!”—we ensure that technology serves people, never replaces them. Our approach to AI reflects the values that underpin everything we do: self-belief, respect, honesty, equality, kindness, responsibility, and empathy. These principles shape how we integrate AI into education:

· Empower Educators: Use AI to support planning, assessment, and personalized learning, freeing teachers to focus on creativity and meaningful interactions with pupils.

· Enrich Learning: Provide pupils with engaging, adaptive, and inclusive experiences that spark curiosity, develop critical thinking, and build digital literacy.

· Champion Ethical Practice: Commit to transparency, fairness, and safeguarding in all AI applications, protecting pupil data and promoting trust.

· Prepare for Tomorrow: Equip our school community with the skills and understanding to use AI responsibly, ensuring pupils become informed, ethical digital citizens.

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What is Generative AI and how can we use it safely?

Generative AI (or “gen-AI”) is technology that can create things like writing, pictures, sounds or videos when you type instructions into it. It can be fun and helpful, but it must be used safely and responsibly.

Below you’ll find easy explanations of the most common gen-AI tools you may come across at school or at home.

ChatGPT	Microsoft Copilot
What it does: ChatGPT is a tool that answers questions and writes things like stories, ideas and explanations. Lots of young people enjoy chatting with it because it feels like a real conversation. It can also help make writing clearer or give you ideas for school work. Things to remember: ■ ChatGPT can get things wrong, so always double-check facts. ■ It might write things that sound like they came from you, but they are still AI-made. ■ Never use AI to cheat on schoolwork. Use it to help you learn, not to replace your own thinking.	What it does: Copilot is built into Microsoft Edge and some Microsoft tools. It can help you write, explain things, make reports, help search the web, and even generate pictures using DALL-E. It also shows website links so you can check where information comes from. Things to remember: ■ Copilot appears while you browse, so use it wisely. ■ Always check the links it gives you to see if the information is true. ■ It still doesn’t “know” things like a human, even if it sounds confident.

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Google Gemini	Adobe Express (via Hwb)
What it does: Google Gemini is an AI tool that can answer questions, help you learn, explain homework problems, and create stories or songs. When children use it through supervised accounts, it includes special safety protections. Things to remember: ■ Gemini has filters to block unsafe content, but they aren't perfect. You might still find things that aren't right. ■ For children under 13, image generation is turned off for safety. ■ Gemini can also make mistakes, so always check information. ■ Never tell it personal information (like your school, address or name). ■ Adobe Generative AI Tools Available Through Hwb.	Hwb gives learners free access to Adobe Express, which includes Adobe Firefly—a safe version of AI tools made for classrooms. Adobe tools help you create pictures, posters, videos and lots more digital content. What it does: Adobe Express lets you make: ■ Posters, presentations and graphics ■ Videos and podcasts ■ Digital portfolios ■ Animations and illustrated work ■ Generate images from text prompts ■ Apply text effects ■ Add or remove objects in images

No matter which AI tool you use, these rules always apply:

1. **Never share personal information:** This includes your full name, school, address, phone number or photos of yourself. (Google specifically warns children not to share personal details with Gemini.)
2. **Check the facts:** All AI tools can be wrong, even when they sound sure of themselves.
3. **Don't rely on AI for homework answers:** Use it to help you understand, not to do your work for you.
4. **Talk to an adult if something feels wrong:** AI filters aren't perfect, so tell your teacher or a trusted adult if you see something odd or upsetting.

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App and Game guide for pupils and parents

Tonysguboriau Digital Leaders conducted a survey of the pupils to find out their uses of different apps and games.

The Digital Leaders then researched different games and apps and their suitability for different age groups across the school.

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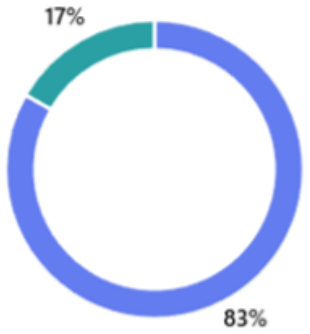
Pupil use of Games and apps

Survey conducted by Digital Leader Team

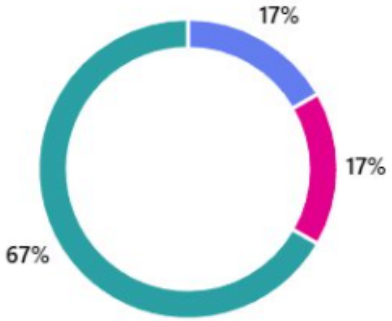
Block blast, Skate, Descenders, Call of duty, Fortnite, Roblox, Rodeo stampede, Minecraft, Among us, Subway surfers, vapour.io2, Geometry dash, Crossy road, flappy bird, Pacman, war thunder, poppy playtime, Toca Boca	Fortnite, Roblox, Minecraft, Toca Boca, Mavericks, Among us, YouTube, Dragon city, The Sims 4, Car games, Star Wars Outlaws, Call of Duty, Mario Kart, Guitar hero, Brawl Stars, Geometry dash, Stumble guys, Block Blast, Rocket League, Traffic car simulation, Lord Mobile, FC mobile, Teenage mutant ninja turtles, Crash bandicoot,
Roblox, snap chat, dealing, you tube Minecraft, call of duty, gorilla tag	Roblox, Minecraft and Toca Boca
Roblox, Minecraft, Among us, Fortnite, PAC man, Animal crossing Crossy road, GTA, Siege, Tetris, Rocket League, Poppy playtime, Water sort, Snail simulator, Flight simulator, Ryan's world.	Snakes and ladders, Frozen, Colour by Number, Sonic, Roblox, Snake, Song, Minecraft, It Takes Two, Mario, Bluey Track, Animal Crossing, Tic Tac Toe, 100 Games, Goat Simulator, Hill Climber,

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Have you ever had any 'pop-up' scams appear when you are on social media?



Do you save your payment card details in your apps?



Pupil Games and apps

With guides already on Hwb – App guide for families - https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/

- Among Us
- Call of Duty (Mobile)
- EA Sports FC Mobile
- Facebook
- Fortnite
- Grand Theft Auto
- Instagram
- Messenger
- Minecraft
- Pinterest
- Reddit
- Roblox
- Rocket League
- Snapchat
- Spotify
- Telegram
- Threads
- TikTok
- Twitch
- WhatsApp
- Wizz
- X (Twitter)
- YouTube
- Adopt Me
- Clash of Clans
- Discord
- BeReal
- BitLife
- OnlyFans
- Gacha Life
- Pokémon Go
- Replika



Prioritisation by PEGI Rating

TOP PRIORITY – PEGI 18 (requires explicit safeguarding notice)

- **Rainbow Six Siege**
- **Call of Duty (non-mobile versions)**
- **Grand Theft Auto**

SECOND PRIORITY – PEGI 16 (potentially harmful, no Hwb guides)

- **War Thunder** *(PEGI 16 – needs official citation)*
- **Star Wars Outlaws** *(likely PEGI 16 – pending official listing)*

THIRD PRIORITY – PEGI 12+ (contains horror, violence, or disturbing content)

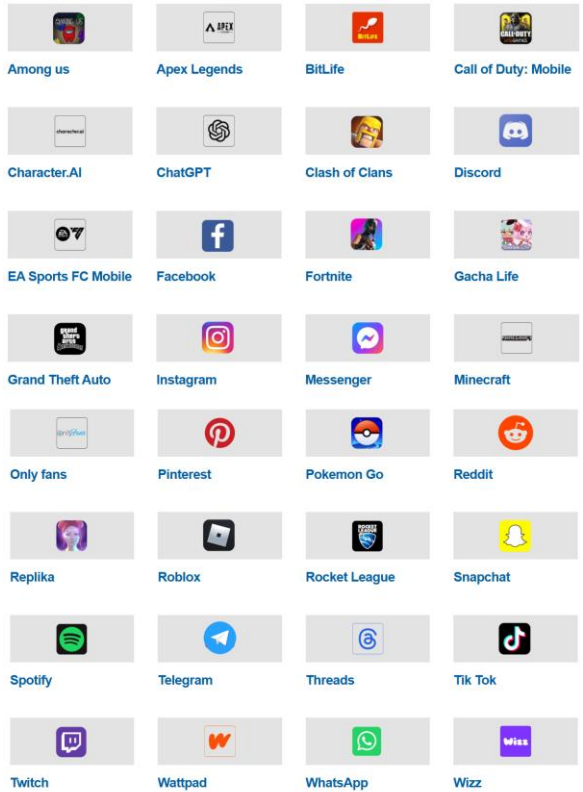
- **Poppy Playtime** *(PEGI 12 – horror themes, needs citation)*
- **Goat Simulator** *(often PEGI 12 due to comic violence)*
- **Brawl Stars** *(PEGI 7–12)*
- **It Takes Two** *(PEGI 12–16 depending on edition)*

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HWB app guide for parents

This is a link to the HWB app guide for families. It has lots of great information to help you keep your family safe online, to understand key terminiology, how to change settings on games and how suitable certain games and apps are for different aged pupils.

[HWB app guides for families]



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PEGi 12+ Potentially harmful: contains horror, violence or disturbing content



What is Poppy Playtime?

Poppy Playtime is a horror puzzle game set in an abandoned toy factory where players solve mysteries and escape from frightening toy-like monsters. It is designed to scare the player using suspense, chase scenes and jumpscares.

Age Rating: Rated PEGI 16 because it contains:

- Graphic violence against fantasy characters,
- Intense and sustained horror,
- Blood, gore and frightening scenes.

Main Features

- Horror Exploration: Navigate dark areas, solve puzzles and uncover backstory.
- Chase Sequences: Monsters with sharp teeth pursue the player.
- Jumpscares and Disturbing Imagery: Frequent sudden scares, unsettling designs and aggressive enemies.

Risks to Consider

- **Frightening Content:** Severe jump scares, monsters, blood and disturbing scenes. Can trigger anxiety, nightmares or sleep problems, especially in younger children.
- **Online Exposure:** The game is popular on YouTube/TikTok, where younger children may see frightening clips out of context.
- **Bad Language:** Some profanity appears in later chapters or hidden messages.

Helping Children Stay Safe

- Avoid this game for children under 16; discuss with older teens whether they feel comfortable.
- Talk about horror themes and strategies to reduce anxiety.
- Monitor online content your child might see related to the game.
- Encourage children to tell you if something scares or worries them.

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What is War Thunder?

War Thunder is a vehicular combat game where players control tanks, planes and naval vehicles from real historical eras. Battles take place on realistic maps, and players work in teams to defeat opponents. The game is known for its detailed military vehicles, strategic gameplay and online multiplayer modes.

Although battles involve shooting and explosions, there is no blood or gore, and violence is mild compared to older-rated war games.

Age Rating

The game is rated PEGI 12, mainly due to mild violence in war settings.
There is no developer-written profanity, but online chat may expose children to unfiltered language.

Main Features

- Vehicle Battles: Air, land and sea combat using historic vehicles.
- Online Multiplayer: Players fight against others around the world.
- Vehicle Progression: Earn or purchase vehicles and upgrades.
- Realistic Simulation: More advanced modes offer high realism and complexity.

Risks to Consider

- **Inappropriate Content:** Mild battlefield violence and explosions. No gore. Can be frightening for younger children due to realistic war settings.
- **Contact With Strangers:** Online chat may include rude behaviour or language despite filters.
- **Difficulty & Pressure:** The game is challenging, requiring strategy and skill; younger players may become frustrated.
- **In-Game Purchases:** Microtransactions allow buying vehicles and boosts.

Helping Children Stay Safe

- Talk about online behaviour; encourage children not to talk to strangers.
- Enable chat filters or mute chat entirely.
- Set spending limits and monitor purchases.
- Set time limits to reduce frustration and pressure from competitive play.

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What is Star Wars Outlaws?

Star Wars Outlaws is an open-world action-adventure game set between *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*. Players take on the role of Kay Vess, a smuggler travelling the galaxy with her companion Nix, completing missions, exploring planets and dealing with criminal groups.

Age Rating: Rated PEGI 12 for:

- Moderate sci-fi violence (blaster combat with no blood).
- Mild bad language.
- Scenes involving gambling (no real-world gambling taught).

Main Features

- Story-Driven Adventure: Missions, choices and relationships shape the storyline.
- Exploration: Travel across planets on foot, speeder or ship.
- Combat: Use blasters, stealth strategies, and Nix's distraction abilities.
- In-Game Purchases: Cosmetic items for outfits or vehicles.

Risks to Consider

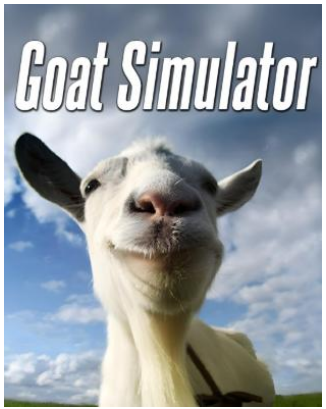
- **Inappropriate Content:** Moderate violence without gore; enemies fall when shot. Occasional mild bad language.
- **Maturity of Themes:** Features crime groups and morally grey choices. Some scenes take place in cantinas with mild alcohol references.
- **Purchases:** Cosmetic microtransactions may tempt children.

Helping Children Stay Safe

- Discuss themes of crime and moral decision-making.
- Check and restrict in-game purchase options.
- Talk about why the PEGI 12 rating means it may not suit younger players.
- Ask children to tell you about the story to support critical thinking.

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What is Goat Simulator?

Goat Simulator is a silly, sandbox game where players control a goat causing chaotic, physics-based mischief. The game prioritises humour and absurdity over realism: goats can fly, use jetpacks, lick objects to drag them, and create general mayhem.

Age Rating: While different versions vary, Goat Simulator typically aligns with PEGI 12, due to:

- Comedic, non-realistic violence (ragdoll effects, no blood).
- Mild bad language in some versions (e.g., “damn”, “hell”).

Main Features

- Open Sandbox Play: Players explore, complete small challenges and unlock abilities.
- Local Multiplayer: Family members can play together in split screen.
- Jokes & Pop-Culture References: Humour targeted at teens and adults.

Risks to Consider

- **Inappropriate Content:** Some mild swearing, though it can be disabled in settings.
- **Themes:** Occasional references (e.g., pentagrams or parody content) may not be suitable for all families.
- **Lack of Structure:** Very little guided gameplay may lead to boredom or aimless play for some children.

Helping Children Stay Safe

- Disable bad language in settings.
- Discuss any themes your child may not understand.
- Set screen-time limits to keep play balanced.
- Encourage shared play to keep the experience light-hearted and fun.

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What is Rainbow Six Siege?

Rainbow Six Siege is a first-person tactical shooting game played on consoles and computers. Players take on the role of counter-terrorism operators who must rescue hostages, defend buildings or defeat enemies in close-quarters missions. The game focuses strongly on teamwork, strategy, and communication, especially in online modes where players must coordinate with others to complete objectives. The combat is realistic, and environments can be destroyed during battles

Age Rating: Rainbow Six Siege is rated PEGI 18 / ESRB M (17+), meaning it is only suitable for adults. The rating is due to:

- Realistic violence, including gunfights, blood-splatter effects and stabbing animations
- Strong language used by characters
- Themes linked to terrorism, weapons and crime
- The presence of drugs in some scenes (e.g., bags of cocaine visible in certain environments)]

Main Features

- **Tactical Gameplay:** Players choose from different “operators,” each with special gadgets (e.g., breaching tools, electronic jammers). Teams must plan ahead, communicate and react quickly to changing situations.
- **Online Multiplayer:** Most of the game is played online in teams of five, working either to attack or defend. Game modes include hostage rescue, bomb defusal, and room defence. Players need Xbox Live, PlayStation Network or PC accounts to access online play.
- **Realistic Combat:** Siege uses realistic weapons, destructible environments, and tactical tools that make the game feel intense and lifelike. Situations often involve high tension and fast decision-making.
- **In-Game Purchases:** Players can spend real money to buy cosmetic items or “booster packs” that unlock new operators or weapon skins.
- **Online Chat:** Voice and text chat are included, meaning players may hear or see inappropriate language from strangers.

Risks to Consider

- **Inappropriate Content:** The game contains realistic weapon violence and adult themes, making it unsuitable for children.
- **Contact With Strangers**: Players communicate with unknown teammates or opponents, which can lead to hearing strong language or unsafe behaviour. Teach children never to share personal information and to report any uncomfortable interactions.
- **Difficulty and Pressure:** Siege is a complex game with steep learning curves, one-life rounds and high-pressure situations. This can lead to frustration or the desire to keep playing to improve performance.

Although children may see videos or hear about it, the game is not suitable for primary-aged players.

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What are the Call of Duty Games?

The main Call of Duty (CoD) games are first-person action and shooting games. They are played on consoles and computers.
Most CoD games take place in war settings, such as World War II, modern-day conflicts, or future battles. Players complete missions, take part in big battles, and often play online with others.
The games look realistic and include detailed fighting scenes, which is why most of them are made for adults.

Age Rating:

Almost all main Call of Duty games are rated PEGI 18, meaning they are only suitable for adults.They include realistic violence, strong language, and scenes not appropriate for children. Some children may still see these games online, but they are not designed for young players.

Main Features

- **Campaign Mode:** This is the single-player story mode. Players follow missions that tell a story based on war or conflict. Stories can include battles, danger, and emotional moments.
- **Multiplayer:** Players compete against others online. Common game types include: • Team Deathmatch, • Domination, • Capture the Flag, • Search and Destroy
  These matches involve fast action and teamwork. Battle Royale (in some games) Games like Warzone include a battle royale mode where many players fight to be the last one left.
- **Zombies Mode (in some games):** Some CoD games include a mode where players fight against waves of zombies. This mode is still intense and not suitable for younger players.
- **Weapons and Loadouts**
- Players can choose different weapons, gear, and special abilities before matches. This affects how they play and what tactics they use.

Risks to Consider

- **Online Chat:** Players can talk with teammates using voice or text chat. This can expose them to rude or unsafe language from strangers.
- **Inappropriate Content:** Because Call of Duty games show realistic fighting, weapons, and violence, they are not suitable for children.
  Parents should talk to children about any videos or clips they may have seen online.
- **Contact With Strangers:** Online modes allow players to talk with people they don't know. This can lead to hearing strong language or unsafe behaviour.
  Encourage children to: • Avoid chatting with strangers, • Never share personal details, • Tell an adult if someone makes them uncomfortable
- **Pressure to Keep Playing:** Online matches can make players feel they must keep playing. Set clear rules about playtime to avoid long gaming sessions.

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What is Grand Theft Auto V?

Grand Theft Auto V is an open-world action-adventure game where players explore a fictional city, complete missions, and take part in criminal activities. The story follows characters involved in robbery, violence and illegal operations. Players can also roam freely, drive vehicles, fly aircraft, or take part in extra activities. GTA can be played alone or online with many other players.

Age Rating: GTA 5 is rated PEGI 18 (and ESRB M/18+ in other regions). This means the game is only suitable for adults due to:

- Violence, blood and gore Strong language. Sexual content and nudity. Drug and alcohol use. Mature, crime-related storylines

Main Features

- **Story Mode (Single Player):** Players follow missions involving heists, driving, fighting, and criminal activity. Missions often include dangerous or adult-themed situations.
- **GTA Online:** A multiplayer world where up to 30 players interact. Activities include racing, missions, fighting, buying property or vehicles, and online social interaction. This is unmoderated and can expose children to strangers.
- **Open-World Exploration:** Players can drive cars, fly planes, take part in sports, shop, customise characters and explore the huge map. The realism and freedom can be appealing to younger viewers.
- **Weapons and Combat:** Weapons and violent encounters are a core part of the gameplay. Missions often involve gunfights, explosions and injury animations.
- **Adult Themes:** Scenes involving drugs, alcohol and sexual content appear in missions or optional scenarios.

Risks to Consider

- **Inappropriate Content:** The game contains graphic violence, criminal behaviour, strong language, nudity and substance abuse, making it unsuitable for children of any age.
- **Contact With Strangers:** GTA Online includes voice and text chat, meaning players may interact with strangers who use offensive language or engage in unsafe behaviour.
- **Pressure to Keep Playing:** The open-world design and constant progression can make children feel the need to keep playing or take part in risky online activities.

Summary

Grand Theft Auto V is an adult-rated action-adventure game centred around crime, violence and mature themes. It is rated PEGI 18 because it contains strong violence, drugs, alcohol use, sexual content and realistic criminal behaviour. While many young people hear about GTA, it is not suitable for primary-school-aged players.

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