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The third of our online safety videos for parents and carers

Video 3 – Online Gaming

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the third video of the series.

At just over 8 minutes in length the e-safety expert, Alan Mackenzie, discusses the topic of online gaming. He emphasises that whilst to some, gaming just means playing games, but to children it is quite different and there are 2 main reasons for this:

- The majority of children play games for socialisation - their friendship groups.
- A small number of children play games to escape something that is, or has, gone wrong in their lives. In other words, they use games as a coping mechanism.

Click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser. You will also find some links below the video link that you may find useful.

<https://vimeo.com/487627625/3c5538740c>

Useful Links:

Gaming Hub - Lots of useful information here: gaming age guides, what you need to know, choosing the best games, setting limits and more:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Common Sense Media - If your child is asking you about a game and you're not sure, it's worth having a look on the Common Sense Media website where you can find advice and opinion about thousands of games.

<https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews>

Taming Gaming - this is a brilliant resource for parents, with lots of useful information. The site is owned by a father who is a big gaming enthusiast.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/features/Curated+Lists+of+Amazing+Video+Games+that+Parents+Love>

Yours sincerely,

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