Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find enclosed a letter from Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Local Safeguarding Board alerting you to the risks of children playing video games intended for adults.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) helps organisations in the local area safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.

The work of the LSCB includes raising awareness within the local community of issues affecting the safety and welfare of children and the enclosed letter explains why the LSCB is concerned about the consequences of children playing video games that are not suitable for their age.

Lots of children have access to games consoles, computers, tablets and mobile devices that offer endless opportunities for playing games. While most games are suitable for players of all ages, there are many that are intended for older children and some that are made only for adults over the age of 18.

These adult-rated age-restricted games are entirely unsuitable for children.

Some games present additional risks to children, including the risks associated with online games that might bring children into contact with adults.

At a time of year when many children will receive games and gaming devices as gifts, we are keen to endorse the LSCB message that encourages parents and carers to be aware of the possible risks and make sure that children are protected from the potential dangers of unsuitable video games.

Please contact the school if you would like to discuss your child’s gaming safety.

Yours faithfully,

H Jennings

Headteacher