

# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U**: Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG**: Parental Guidance required
- 12**: Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- 12A**: Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
- 15**: Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18**: Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18 RESTRICTED**: Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

- 3**: www.pegi.info
- 7**: www.pegi.info
- 12**: www.pegi.info
- 16**: www.pegi.info
- 18**: www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

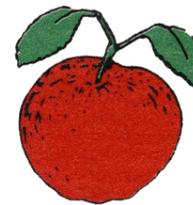
It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

**National Online Safety**  
A whole school community approach to online safety  
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# The Apple



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## Dear Parents/Carer

Spring seems to have finally arrived and we have all been enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather over the last few weeks. It has been great to see all of the children making the most of this at playtimes! They have clearly been enjoying all of our outdoor space and taking part in all of the fun activities organised by the adults.



This week we also had a fantastic assembly provided by the Lincolnshire Music Service. Chapel Hill Duo came in to perform to the children and played music from around the world. The children listened to the musicians playing a violin and a cello and really enjoyed the performance. Some children were so inspired by what they heard that they have asked if they can learn to play these instruments in school- the cello was particularly popular!



On Monday this week we had Mr Booth in from CIT to work with all the children from Years 1- 6. Mr Booth is responsible for ICT across all of the schools in the Trust and came in to teach the children all about **E-Safety**. Electronic Safety is a really important aspect of school life, teaching the children about the positive and negative aspects of social media, gaming, the internet, email and much more. We always use the term SMART when discussing e-safety at school- it would be great if you could reinforce the message at home:



## SMART

- S** Stay Safe: Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.
- M** Meet Up: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.
- A** Accepting Files: Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.
- R** Reliable?: Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?
- T** Tell Someone: Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

This will be my final newsletter before the Easter holidays. It has been another wonderful term here at Isaac Newton. We hope that you all have a fantastic break over Easter and are looking forward to the excitement that next term will bring. Don't forget that the children return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Chris Heathcote  
*Heathcote*  
Headteacher

### Goodbye Mrs Dickson

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dickson next week, as she will be taking early retirement at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Dickson has been at Isaac Newton for 15 years and during her time here she has taken on the roles of a class teacher, science coordinator, SENDCO and Safeguarding Lead. In her most recent role, she has worked with many different parents and carers to ensure that we are able to get the very best for all our families. Mrs Dickson has supported countless children over the years, helping them to develop both academically and pastorally. I would like to thank her on behalf of the whole school community, she will be dearly missed by all the staff and children here at Isaac Newton.

### SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates.

<b>Monday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Grammar test followed by:</b> <b>Spelling Test</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Reading test</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic)</b> followed by <b>Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)</b>

We do not want the pupils to become stressed or disenchanted with school during the build-up. As such we have explained that we do not mind how each pupil does so long as they try their hardest. The SATs are important as they are used to gauge future progress, especially in Year 11 (GCSE year). Doing well now is a firm foundation for the future.

### E-Safety

There are now a number of guides on our school website providing parents with advice about how they can help to keep their children safe online. Attached to this newsletter is one of these guides, providing parents with advice about Age Ratings.

### Governors Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a new Parent Governor. If you would like to put your name forward then please pick up a letter from the school office. Mr Heathcote would be delighted to meet with anybody who would like to discuss the role – just book an appointment by calling the office.

### Easter Tombola

We will be holding an Easter tombola on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm to raise money for our school funds. This will take place either in the studio or outside, on the Key Stage One playground (weather permitting). Any donations of Easter Eggs prior to this will be gratefully received- please hand these into the school office or to Mrs Toole. Thank you for your continued support.

### ‘Moto in the Community’ funding

We have received a cheque from the Moto Hospitality for £1000, which we will be putting towards our Key Stage One playground. We are currently trying to save enough money to have playground markings put down so the children can make the most of this fantastic space!



### Volleyball

A huge congratulations to our school volleyball team who are now officially County champions! On Wednesday they travelled to Lincoln to play against other schools who had also won their local tournaments. Following a ‘round robin’ event our team finished top with the highest points difference. Both Mrs Walker and Laura said that they faced some stiff competition throughout the day but fought hard to come out on top! Well done team and yet another 1<sup>st</sup> place for Isaac Newton.



### Football

Both of our football teams have been in action recently. The results were as follows:

**A team beat Belton Lane 2-0**

**A team beat St Marys 4-0**

**B Team beat St Marys 8-0**

The teams played fantastically well in all their fixtures. Throughout the games they impressed with their passing skills and it was great to see how their teamwork only improved as the games went on. There is just one more fixture left to be played before the leagues are decided! Good luck teams!

### Swimarathon

Thank you to all children, parents, carers, family members and teachers who took part in the Swimarathon for the Rotary Club in February. All the money has now been collected in and we have raised a grand total of £2386. What a fantastic achievement!

### Change for Life Festival

A group of KS2 children took part in a Change4Life Festival this week. They played lots of fun and exciting games, challenging themselves and working as part of a team. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were a real credit to school! Everyone received a medal for taking part and they have been proudly wearing them in school!



### Goodbye Mrs Swain

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Swain, one of our midday supervisors. Mrs Swain has worked at Isaac Newton for the past four years and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

### Netball

We entered two teams into the Grantham & District Netball Tournament last week. Both teams played incredibly well showcasing some excellent netballing skills. Isaac Newton A managed to reach the final of the competition, thanks to some great shooting from Leo and Ronnie-Mae on the way. Unfortunately, they were just beaten in what was a tough final game, finishing a very impressive second place. Isaac Newton B finished runners up in their league, just narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. They were a relatively new team and improved with every game they played- it was great to see their confidence grow as the tournament progressed! All children were a real credit to Isaac Newton and we are very proud of them for their efforts!



### Dates For Your Diary:

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 PGL (half day)
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Class Photographs
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day in school before Easter
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Return to school after Easter
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 visit to Skegness Aquarium
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 visit to Skegness Aquarium
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Belvoir
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 visit to Rutland Castle
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Harry Potter Studios
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Twycross Zoo
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 visit to Twycross Zoo