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Safeguarding Concern: Roblox and Jeff the Killer

It has come to our attention that there have been several members of year 3 talking about and re-enacting games about a character called Jeff the Killer. We wanted to give you some more information about this and ways in which to safeguard your children at home.

Jeff the Killer is a character from the online website Creepypasta, which shares stories and graphic images about the horror genre. The character has been replicated on games such as Roblox and children are encountering the character while playing and also when viewing youtube videos about Roblox, as the related videos often link to this character and then subsequent videos link directly to the Creepypasta horror stories or website.

In the stories about Jeff the Killer, people have to capture him before he murders 'an innocent'. This has been replicated in the Roblox game and there have been a number of year 3 children replicating this behaviour causing very boisterous play and a number of them getting hurt. The children have also been sharing the stories at playtime and this has led to children being worried or anxious about this.

We are exceptionally concern about our vulnerable, young pupils and urge all parents to have a discussion with their children about these kinds of videos and games. Here is some advice on how parents can help:

- Ensure you know what your children can access online
- Use parental controls to keep children safe
- Find out about privacy setting and reporting on the different apps and teach your children how to use them
- Talk to your child about what to do if something makes them uncomfortable online

More advice about how to deal with this kind of discussion can be found on the NSPCC website. We share many, many esafety poster on our school twitter account and have a number of resources and links about safety on our school website. In a digital world where strangers can be literally in your child's hand and head within our own homes, it is vital we keep the conversations about esafety going. We do not wish to scare the children, or you, or stop them using technology but we want to ensure they can do this as safely as possible.

If you have any concerns about esafety, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. We want to help and we know that it can be hard when it feels like our children have more knowledge that we do but please do talk to your child/ren it could save their lives one day.

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