

Slaley First School



Friday 23rd January 2026



Dear Parents,

What another busy week we have had. Yesterday the children in Pine Class really enjoyed their Dojo treat, despite the weather! Also, I would just like to say thank you to those of you who were able to join us for the Parental Emotional Regulation session; all staff have also had some top up training this week which is fabulous.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday February 7th - Safer Internet Day

INSET DAY - Friday 13th February (Last day is **Thursday 12th February**)

Wednesday 25th February - Spruce Class trip to Mrs Barts Studio (Stocksfield) More details to follow

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 3 / 4 Gymnastics Event at Haltwhistle Leisure Centre

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - Watch this space!

Thursday 26th March - Parents' Evening

Clubs this half term ...

Mondays - Multiskills Club until 4.30pm

Tuesdays - Tennis Club- until 4.20pm

Thursdays - Lego Club - until 4.20pm

Staffing Update

From next Monday (26th January), Miss Taylor will be officially employed at Slaley First School. Staff are delighted as she fits perfectly into our team and we know that the children will be so happy to have her around full time too!

Yesterday, we also appointed another member of staff - Mrs Windows who will be working primarily in Pine class. Mrs Windows will be joining us very soon and again I am sure that she will be an amazing addition to our team.

Keeping Children Safe at Slaley First School

Designated Safeguarding Lead - A. Hayward Deputy

Designated Safeguarding Lead - R. O'Neill



Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Mrs Hayward



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:



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

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:



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



**National
Online
Safety**

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