

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen, Miss Alderton, Ms Connor, Mrs Derer and Mrs Burman

Please speak to one of these members of staff if you are worried or concerned about the safety of a child.



If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, the number to ring is:

CADS - Children's Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020

Mrs Derer our school Parent Support Advisor and

Mrs Burman and Miss Alderton our school Pastoral Leads and ELSA trained staff are on our school playground every morning from 8:45am. Mrs Derer our school Parent Support Advisor is on our playground every Thursday and Friday morning from 8:45am.

Mrs Burman, Miss Alderton and Mrs Derer are always happy to talk to you about any worries or concerns relating to your child at home or any further support we may be able to offer or signpost you to.

ONLINE SAFETY



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

EASPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of



RECURRING RELEASES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template — meaning that after a year, we can expect £A Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fons of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated beam kits, players and squad lists.



FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across Play Station 1, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with triends online – but connecting a much wider audience does patentially open lines of communication between children and larelater online garners.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

in the Automate facin proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in come currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time — so young fons may be tempted to skip the grind by poying reaf-world cash to unlock that covered star midfleder.

ULTIMATE TEAM (SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coas players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shody practice can lead to accounts being barned and in-game items being last. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the froulders.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real life football, IA Sports TO 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of toctical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engressing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers at a gaming disorder as they plead for "sat one more game" before bedtlime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Illignate. Team partic.



Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Tham made, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Sundies of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just EL so multiple payments can easily slip under the rodar. You could consider setting your child on in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that soom tactic), but never through the game lise? — so he wary of incomming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them looking their money and being barned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young facilities or much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also aften provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengue from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play — or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's tun. You could accasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boll over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

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CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's star player; but there's plenty more to do in EASports FC 24 - including modes which allow access to all of lookball's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, morking another step forward in representation; on important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.



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