



SNIPPETS

Call of Duty Modern Warfare was released mid November.

It is the latest release in a long line-up of massively popular games and given its popularity it's no surprise I'm already talking to Years 4, 5 and 6 (8-11 year olds) in schools who are playing it.

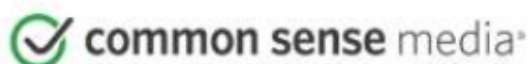
As you would expect given the age rating of 18 it can be really violent; it includes terror attacks in Piccadilly Circus and child soldiers in the Middle East.

These types of games are often controversial and there will always be different opinions about the content and realism, but the bottom line is that the game is rated 18 for a reason.

Parents - check games settings on devices so that your children can't download these types of games without your permission. If you don't know how to check settings on particular devices, go to the Internet Matters website for guidance.



Places to go for support and advice about staying safe online:



Common Sense Media

To learn more about the games or apps your children are using, Common Sense Media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>



Internet Matters

Tons of age-specific related information created specifically for parents. Includes information to set up devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



YouTube

With over 5.5 billion videos, if you need to know something there's a good chance it's here. Use simple searches such as, "What is..." "How do I..."

<https://www.youtube.com>



School

The school your child goes to is a wealth of information. If you're not sure or don't know where to turn to, they can and will help. Find out what your child does in school about online safety so that you can replicate the same advice at home.