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Dear Parents.

I am writing to raise awareness about what appears to be a surge in the number of children accessing online games that are not of an appropriate age rating.

Poppy Playtime is a downloadable episodic horror adventure game – the age rating for this game is recommended to be 12+.

The game is available on PC, but also there are dozens of free unofficial versions on Roblox, Minecraft, App Stores. It is also popular on YouTube (including YouTube kids) where children can access walkthroughs and other related content.

It is important to know that there are currently no restrictions to accessing content related to this game – including Google SafeSearch, YouTube Kids, and YouTube Restrict mode.

The following link provides some useful information regarding Poppy Playtime: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1-RqyuX18

Common Sense Media is a really helpful website for parents to use to view ratings and reviews of games, films, content to check suitability before allowing their child access. Here is the game review for Poppy Playtime. https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/poppy-playtime

If you have any concerns, or wish to discuss further, please get in touch.

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Many thanks,

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