

What parents need to know about FIFA

NT SERIES REFRESHES

point for the FIFA range of games is that it urrent players; a feature which no other game offers. However, this means that a the game is released every year, with , players and stadia, plus new gameplay veaks. And, with every annual update of e is an expectation that it will be far better us one, so the pressure to upgrade and rsion is likely to be immense!

CHAT

video game is suitable for children of all not include any inappropriate content, ue of in-game chat. Your child can play ple online and chat with them using is is largely unregulated, it could mean is exposed to language or conversations unsuitable.

FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appear to be a genuine FIFA promotion. While the link may seem like a FIFA login page, it's a phishing scam to capture a login name and password. Scammers may use names that sound legitimate, like 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer.'

BUYING ADD-ONS

In-game purchases are to be expected in any modern game and FIFA is no different. FIFA Ultimate Team (commonly called FUT) is a mode in FIFA that lets gamers build teams of players from any league, playing both offline and online to win coins. These can be used to buy better players or packs containing random players. While some purchases can be made using in-game currency, other purchases involve spending with real world money, which could become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills resulting from in-game purchase made by their children.

JUST ONE MORE GAME

Your child could be playing FIFA games on t computer or console for very long periods o not to say that computer-based matches are minutes long, but a series of 20-minute mat quickly fill up a day! The World Health Organ classified 'gaming disorder' as a mental hea this is when children have trouble controllin gaming behaviour and let it reign over their daily routine.

FIFA GAMEPLAY

The FIFA series has been criticised for the co nature of gameplay leading to aggression in players. Add to this the chance to converse v players via in-game chat, and the potential levels is likely to rise... especially if you're lo

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he implications of this really depends your child and your relationship with be that playing and sharing games is amily life and so this isn't a problem, indful that being involved with the FIFA nlikely to be a one-off event - it's the ing journey that could last for many, nd involve numerous (potentially ograde.

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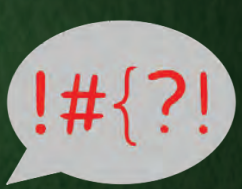

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You should teach your children to stay clear of scams. Explain to them that they must be wary of any link which asks them to either verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information; game developers will never send a message asking for login information. Console messages, emails and websites, or social media posts promoting contests for in-game content, such as packs, players, or coins requiring login information are fake.

BUYING ADD ONS



To spend real money in FIFA, a credit or debit card must be linked to a gaming account, so ensure that your card is not being used for this! There's also support for PayPal payment, so also check who has access to this type of account. Depending on the platform your child is using to play FIFA, there are

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The parental controls on consoles can b restrict the amount of time spent playin monitoring how much time your child is FIFA is recommended - just as you migh much time they spend watching TV. Kee for warning signs, such as a lack of inte activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect hygiene, changes in character or anger your child is told to stop playing a game

FIFA GAMEPLAY

Monitoring in-game chat may be difficu likely to only be able to hear one side o conversation. However, noticing how yo reacting may be a reasonable indicator mood. Dealing with both the frustratio as well as troublesome people can serv lessons, but as a parent, you know your