**Among Us**

**Information for Parents**

**What is it?**

Among Us is a free, downloaded app rated 9+. It is a game played with others either in person or online; either with those the player knows or those the player doesn't. Among us is similar to the youth group game 'Mafia' and also to a 'Murder Mystery'; 1-3 players are told that they are 'Imposters' once the game begins, and it is their mission to kill off the other players while their identity remains hidden. Each time a body is found or an Emergency Meeting is called by a player, the players have an opportunity to vote for who they think the 'Imposters' are, until either the Imposter(s) are left or the other players identify them.

**How are we going to use it?**

We are going to ask those who would like to take part to download the free app and we will give them a code. We will be playing only with each other and will not open it up to anyone who is not given the code to join our specific game. We do not plan to use the 'chat' function in the game as we will play on Zoom, but we could move to that if it became difficult to hear everyone on Zoom well. This app will enable us to play a fun game connected together which involves chatting together to solve the mystery, whilst being separated.

**What do I need to know?**

Once the app is on a device, the game could be played online. This does not risk any personal information being shared, and no images can be shared. However, the chat function could be used by other players with inappropriate language (a censor option is available but can easily be turned off) or bullying behaviour. If this is a risk that you do not want to take then I suggest that the app isn't played / is removed other than when played with the youth group.

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