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'A unique service for unique young people'

Computer Games

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Kingsbrook Procedure on Computer Games

There are two bodies in classifications of games. The first is the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) and the second is PEGI (Pan European Game Information). Kingsbrook will ensure that computer games the young people purchase and play are done so following the guidelines set by both organisations.

BBFC - Is a compulsory system where ratings are given and it is an offence to sell a game to a person under the age the games are rated for

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Dependent on the ages of the residents at Kingsbrook no games that are rated above their chronological age are permitted on site.

PEGI?

What are ratings?

Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as films, videos, DVDs, and computer games, are clearly labelled by age according to the content they contain. Age ratings provide guidance to consumers (particularly parents) to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product.

To qualify for the PEGI OK label a game can NOT contain any of the following elements:

Violence

Sexual activity or sexual innuendo

Nudity

Bad language

Gambling

Promotion or use of drugs

Promotion of alcohol or tobacco

Scary scenes

Should the game contain any of these elements, the game must be age rated using the standard PEGI rating system. The game will then receive a regular PEGI rating (3, 7, 12, 16 or 18) consisting of an age rating label and content descriptor(s). The same applies in case the casual game can be downloaded onto a consumer's computer.

Using the PEGI guidelines Kingsbrook will liaise with the young person parents or responsible Local Authority when the child request to play / purchase games rated above their actual ages, this only applies to games rated 12 and 16. The young person's responsible adult along with the Registered Manager will make the final decisions about the games and this will be stored in their care plan.

Where a young person brings games on site that they are not of an age to play they will be confiscated and remain the responsibility of the senior staff until such time they can be sent to the parent/carer/social worker.