

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you to be vigilant after hearing reports that children and young people are copying games and violence from hit new **Netflix series Squid Game**, which is rated 15.

For your information, Squid Game is a Korean drama series on Netflix that has become one of the most popular topics on the internet for its unique plot. The show mimics children's games however it ends with participants being violently killed if they lose.

There have been some concerning reports recently about children and young people 'playing' Squid Game whilst at school. Squid Game is also being viewed via other platforms such as YouTube and Tik-Tok, and given the popularity of the games in the show, developers have made various mini-games based on Squid Game on Roblox and other gaming platforms.

We strongly advise that children should not watch squid game, the show is quite **graphic with a lot of violent content**.

Please also see some information on setting **parental settings on Netflix** –<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/stream-safe-netflix>

Read this blog: <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/10/08/squid-game/>

There have been multiple online challenges appearing following the **SQUID GAME** show release. We want to signpost you to a resource for parents that should help address issues regarding viral challenges with your child(ren): https://inege.com/2021/08/04/online-viral-challenges/?utm_content=182459278&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&hss_channel=tw-939101937588371456

Please continue to be vigilant about what your child(ren) is/are accessing and make sure the content is appropriate. Parental controls are available on apps/websites and can help keep children safe.

For further guidance and support to help you to keep your child safe on-line please look at the following websites:

- <http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>
- <https://safeguardinghub.co.uk/protecting-children-from-harmful-content-on-television-guide-and-resources/>
- <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Kind regards,

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