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ONLINE SAFETY – NETFLIX TV SERIES ‘SQUID GAME’

Dear Parents and Carers

You may well be aware of a Netflix TV series called ‘Squid Game’, which was released in mid-September, and is now the most popular series on Netflix.

This series has a **certificate rating of 15 years old** due to its extreme violence, and so it is not suitable for primary aged children.

While it is proving to be a popular show for adults, there are a number of reasons why it is not appropriate for children:

- intense levels of violence
- acts of a sexual nature
- threats of sexual violence
- themes of gambling

The popular TV series has led to Squid Game-style contests and online challenges which are going viral on social media and are easily accessible to children.

Please also be aware that while your children may not be watching the series itself, a number of online games (e.g., Roblox), memes and social media apps (e.g., TikTok and YouTube) are also releasing content based on the show.

The below link from National Online Safety contains information for parents to help you understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

Profiles on Netflix can be set to age-restrict content and a parental guide to Netflix can be found here: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

If you have any additional concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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