



Headteacher: Mrs Stav Stavrinou

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Dear parents and carers,

It has come to our attention that some of our children are playing games in the playground portrayed in the Netflix series 'Squid Game'. Some children have also reported having seen some of the episodes from the series. Squid game is a South Korean thriller featuring scenes of brutal violence and killing. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks. It is rated 15.

Squid Game's 15 rating hasn't prevented clips and images from the series being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok and YouTube. In addition, the popularity of the programme has also led to online challenges based on various scenes. Videos of people pretending to kill each other after competing in Squid Game-style contests are going viral on social media where they are easily accessible to children.

We kindly ask as a parent/carer, to please keep a watchful eye on the content that our children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about what they have been viewing on their devices. Please ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up on any on-demand services available through the family (Netflix in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

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