Monday 11th October 2021

Squid Game- Netflix

Dear Parents / Carer,

It has come to our attention that some children in KS2 are watching Squid Game on Netflix or are seeing clips of the show through Tik Tok. We are also aware there is a Roblox version of the game.

For more information on what is ‘Squid Game’ click on this link:

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

We have noticed a few children are starting to play their own versions of this game in the playground- which in turn can cause conflict within friendship groups and more worrying is that it is an extremely violent show for the children to be exposed to and to act out. The scenes are very graphic and realistic and therefore highly inappropriate for the children to watch.

There is a strict age restriction of 15+ to watch this programme, therefore, your child should not be viewing this content as it is extremely unsuitable for their age.

We has spoken at length with the children about the dangers of viewing this material on TV and other devices and why age restrictions are in place. All social media apps, films, games for consoles such as Xbox and Playstation have legal age restrictions. Age restrictions are in place to safeguard children from any inappropriate content or dangers online. This is something the school has stated in our school acceptable use policy which you can view on our Online Safety page on the school website.

We wanted parents to be aware of our concern and to ask you to please try to monitor what your child/children are accessing on devices. Also if your child has recently asked to play/watch the Squid Game, if you were not aware before, you will be more aware now. Tik Tok, which is where some of the children have been watching the show has a age restriction of 13 years old and so unless you have parental controls set on their devices they may be exposed to inappropriate content being streamed.

We appreciate your support in working alongside us on this matter. Please do look at our Online Safety page on the school website to find out how to put parental controls on your devices. We aim to keep you up to date with online safety and do not allow playground games which mimic such media.

Please find below a link to Parent Zone which helps parents understand the latest apps and games: <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

However, if you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact Miss Taylor, Miss Curran or Mr Bonner.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Taylor