



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Ref: Squid Games**

It has come to our attention that a number of our children are watching, or are aware of, *Squid Game* on Netflix.

We have noticed an increased number of children starting to play their own versions of this game in the playground - which in turn is causing conflict within friendship groups.

Children who are watching this show are being exposed to graphic realistic scenes of violence and sadly, in an extremely small number of cases, some children are acting out this behaviour in the playground which will not be tolerated.

I would like to make you aware that this programme is rated a 15 for a reason and no children in our school should have the opportunity to watch this show.

IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN.

In order to support the pupils in school, class teachers in Key Stage Two will speak to the children in their classes about not replicating such games on the playground and remind children about our school rules of '*Being Ready, Being Respectful and Being Safe*'.

After this conversation has taken place with the class teacher any child found to be mimicking scenes from this show will have their parents / carers called to school and appropriate consequences will be put in place. A discussion with the Education Authority Child Protection Support Team may also take place to judge if a referral to Social Services may be required under the grounds of Emotional Harm.

Please be aware of the dangers of this TV programme for your children and reinforce positive behaviours.

Also, please explicitly share that pretending to shoot one another is not appropriate - nor acceptable. Please support us in keeping your children safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Fulton  
Principal