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ہمارے علم میں آیا ہے کہ کافی تعداد میں بچے نیٹ فلکس (Netflix) پر دکھایا جانے والا ایک پروگرام 'Squid Game' دیکھ رہے ہیں۔ ہم نے نوٹس کیا ہے کہ بچوں کی ایک بھاری تعداد نے اس گیم کا ایک اپنا انداز بنالیا ہے اور اسے سکول کے پگھلاؤ میں کھیلنا شروع کر دیا ہے۔

Dear Parents/Carers,



ہم سمجھتے ہیں کہ پگھلاؤ میں گیمز کھیلنا بچوں کو بے حد پسند ہے تاہم ہم جانتے ہیں کہ اس پروگرام میں کافی تشدد بھی دکھایا جاتا ہے جو کہ 15 سال کی عمر کے بچوں کے لیے گہرا مناسب نہیں۔ بعض بچوں کا کہنا ہے کہ انکے والدین اس بات سے لاعلم ہیں کہ انکے لیے یہ پروگرام دکھایا جا رہا ہے۔ چنانچہ ہم نے اس کیڑے کے ساتھ بچوں کی گیمز کے متعلق اور خاص طور پر اس پروگرام کے بارے میں کچھ معلومات منسک کر دی ہیں۔

It has come to our attention that a number of our children are watching the Netflix programme 'Squid Game'. We have noticed an increased number of children starting to play their own versions of this game in the playground.

Although we recognise that the playground games are very appealing to children, we are also aware that the programme content is very violent and not suitable for children under 15. Some children have mentioned that parents aren't aware that they are watching the programme and so I have included some information regarding the programme and associated games (such as Roblox).

Please come and speak to school staff if you are concerned or would like any further information.

براہ کرم اگر آپ کو کسی قسم کی تشویش لاحق ہو یا آپ مزید معلومات کے خواہاں ہوں تو سکول کے سٹاف سے رابطہ قائم کریں۔

Many thanks,

بے حد شکر ہے
کیئررز
ڈپٹی ہیڈ ٹیچر

Karen Pilling
Deputy Headteacher



اولياء الامور الاعزاء ،

لقد لفت انتباهنا الى ان هناك مجموعة من الأطفال يشاهدون برنامج على Netflix وهو 'Squid Game'

ولقد لوحظ أيضا انهم يمارسون هذه اللعبة في المدرسة بطريقتهم الخاصة . وعلى الرغم ان هذه اللعبة تجذب الأطفال الا ان هذا البرنامج مليء بالعنف وغير ملائم للأطفال اقل من عمر ١٥ عاما . بعض الأطفال يشاهدون هذا البرنامج دون علم الاهل . لذلك أرسلت لكم بعض المعلومات المتعلقة بالبرامج مثل جمعية الألعاب (Roblox) رجاء تعال وتحدث مع احد موظفين المدرسة اذا كنت قلق بخصوص ذلك او تريد معلومات إضافية

Karen Pilling

نائب المدير

What is Squid Game?

Netflix's Squid Game is set to become the streaming service's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. 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.

An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

What are the hazards for children?

Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as [TikTok](#), with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

The popularity of the programme has also led to [online challenges](#) based on various scenes, which see people taking part in seemingly innocent children's games. On the show, however, characters are executed if they fail in the game – and 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.

What is the Squid Game Challenge app?

[Squid Game Challenge](#) (also known as K-Game Challenge) is an app for smartphones and tablets that has been released for Android and iOS, and the two systems differ significantly on their [age ratings](#) for the game. The iTunes Store rates the app as 12+ (advising of "mild/infrequent horror/fear themes"), while the PEGI rating for Android is just 3+, which means that very young children might be able to download and play the game even with parental controls activated on their device or through Google Play.



The gameplay is frequently interrupted by pop-ups and ads (sometimes appearing while the user is rapidly tapping their screen while attempting to complete the challenge). This could easily lead to unwanted purchases or accidental visits to inappropriate sites beyond the app.

What can trusted adults do?

As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. [Speak to them openly](#) and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the [parental controls](#) are activated [on your child's device](#) and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as [Netflix](#), in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

