

## Safeguarding update: Squid Game

Due to the popularity of Netflix's most recent viral show, Squid Game, has become very high profile. Some children have been talking about the show at school and we wanted to make you aware of the **inappropriate content as it is rated 15+**. Please ensure that you are aware of what your child is watching.

### What is Squid Game?

Squid Game is a television series streaming on Netflix. The plot centres on a group of adult debtors, thieves, and gamblers competing against each other in a series of childhood games for a grand cash prize. However, there is a dark twist to these seemingly innocent games – losing competitors are violently killed off in ways that grow more twisted as the games grow more intense.

### Harmful Content in the Show

Currently, Squid Game has a rating of **15+** as the visual content includes high levels of gore, death, violence, and physical assault. It also has graphic depictions of suicide, murder, and sexual assault.

Children and young people are likely to know about the show via word of mouth and because it is so popular on social media. They may be unaware of the extent of gore, death, and violence the show contains. It also focuses on adult themes that are not appropriate for younger sensibilities.

Parents and carers should be aware that video content from this show is found on TikTok, which could also increase their interest in watching the show. Remember: even if you restrict the young person in your care from watching Squid Game, they may be able to access content on other social media platforms.

For further information on managing your child's online content:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/protect-your-child/>

#### Remember:



**PAUSE**

Consider the age and ability of your child alongside the platform they use.



**THINK**

Consider talking to your child about harmful content online.



**TALK**

Engage your child in a natural way and ask questions to establish how much they know about the topic.

It's best not to approach the subject directly, this will avoid introducing something they may not have otherwise known about.