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Dear Parent/Carer,

A number of children across school have mentioned they have watched or been exposed to Squid Game on Netflix as well as possibly seeing clips on Tik Tok.

Squid Game has a rating of 15+ and if you are not aware of this programme it contains graphic scenes and violence that children may find upsetting. We are also aware that versions of Squid Game are available on Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite, so although children may have not watched the programme they can still be exposed to the same graphic themes via these platforms.

For more information on what Squid game is please click on the link: <u>https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know</u>

We have noticed that there are some children playing versions of the games from Squid Game in the playground, whilst they are children's games, e.g. Red Light, Green light, we are concerned that the play could lead to children acting out the violent scenes as children are openly discussing what happens.

Due to the popularity and emergence within school we wanted to address this as soon as possible. If your child is not aware of Squid Game, do not feel you have to bring it to their attention, however we wanted Parents to be aware of our concern so that you can monitor this at home and raise awareness of the content that is circulating online and on social media sites in case you were not aware.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Joanne Lancaster









