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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you because concerns have been raised nationally about the new Netflix show 'Squid Game.' Squid Game is a nine-episode drama based in South Korea where contestants compete in children's themed games to win a financial reward and the losers are executed in extremely violent ways.

The show is very graphic and violent. As you can imagine this show is inappropriate for children.

We would like to make you aware of our concerns regarding Squid Game in order to ensure safeguarding measures can be implemented at home and to prevent any re-enactments on the school playground.

The show is currently trending across all social media platforms. The results of our online survey that we conducted last year indicate that a large percentage of children at Manby Lodge Infant School use Tik Tok, YouTube, and Roblox.

Please be aware that Roblox has created a Squid Game-themed game that is not appropriate for children. There are also lots of videos trending of Youtubers reacting to Squid Game and playing Squid Game on Roblox. Android and Apple have also created Squid Game-themed apps, which are shockingly rated 3+.

We want to make you aware so that you can monitor your child if they are using the apps listed above. Remember to talk to your child to remind them that if they see something that worries them, when they are online that they should tell an adult at home. We have lots of systems in place in school so that children can also share their worries here.

For more information, please see the links below.

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

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/?gclid=EAAlQobChMI9_H6p-PF8wIVhWDMCh36GwGFEEAYASAAEgLbIFD_BwE

If you have any questions or concerns regarding online safety, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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Computing Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead



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