

Dear Parents/Carers

It has come to our attention that some children are watching a series call **The Squid Games** on Netflix. This series is **Certified 15** and **depicts sex scenes, nudity, extreme violence, self-harm, suicide and bad language.**

The advice from external bodies is no different for Netflix than it would be for any other TV or film that is not suitable for children which is: *"If children are not of the age to meet the certification, then they shouldn't be watching that series/film"*.

We have attached the Netflix NOS parental guide which offers some advice of how to check parental settings on your children's Netflix devices.

Top tips for parents:

- Control what content your children can watch. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for children. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings.
- If your child is a little older, parents can create a separate profile to their own and set a maturity rating that means children will see only TV shows and movies that is that rating. The three categories of rating for the UK are kids (all, U, PG), teens (12, Guidance, Teen) and adult (15, 18, mature, adult). You can also block specific TV shows and movies from individual profiles which means they don't show up in the browse or search results.
- Parents can review the TV shows and films that have been watched on each profile under their account.
- If your child seems upset or shocked by something (like Squid Games) they have seen or if you are concerned about anything they've viewed, try to talk to them about it and have an open and honest conversation to help understand any concerns.
- It's important to keep your own account secure so that children cannot freely switch between profiles and potentially access more adult-themed content or change access levels. Parents can set-up a Profile Lock PIN which means only they can access their own and everyone else's Netflix account.
- Given that Netflix doesn't use 2-factor authentication, the need for a unique username and strong password is even more important. Try to use a different password to ones you've used before and use a mixture of numbers, letters (uppercase and lowercase) and symbols, with a minimum of 8 characters.
- Always log out when not using your account so that if your device is lost or stolen, your account remains inaccessible.

It is extremely concerning that children are discussing the content of Squid Games with their peers in school and I hope that we can work together to keep children safe.

Best Wishes,
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