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PARENTS' AFTERNOON

Friday 3rd December 2021 - 2:00-5:30 pm

Parents' Afternoon will take place in school with your child's class teacher on **Friday 3rd December 2021**, the school will be following current social distancing measures.

Appointments have started are available on **ParentMail** for you to book, please ensure you have booked your appointment by **Tuesday 30th November 2021**. Children must be collected from the playground at the normal time of 12:50pm.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

Adderley Primary School Parking Pledge



We are wishing to make the area around the school gate at pick up and drop off times much safer so we are asking if you would kindly take a few moments to read this article.

Parking for any school is always an issue and our school is no exception. We would like to try something new to highlight the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at the start and finish of school day.

We are launching our "Parking Pledge" with the main aim of keeping our children safe.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, and staff. With your support we can create a safer environment for our children with fewer cars on the road and by promoting considerate parking.

By making the pledge your family will be supporting our commitment to reducing congestion around the school gates, improving road safety and to increase the number of children travelling actively and safely to school.

While the pledge is voluntary, we are asking you to sign up to the school promises we have developed so we can show that our families are committed to making the area around the school safer and that we are being considerate parkers to our school community.

For more information please speak to Mr Worrall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th November 2021—Year 5 visit to National Space Centre

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th December 2021-Year 3 visit to the Bishops Wood Centre

Wednesday 1st December 2021 am & pm - Year 2 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

Wednesday 8th December 2021— Reception Class visit to St Martins Church

Last Day of Term - Friday 17th December 2021

School Re-opens - Tuesday 4th January 2022

You can contact us via email by writing to enquiry@adderley.bham.sch.uk

What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION
15+
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the viral TV show, Squid Game. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them. episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

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