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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the Netflix show 'Squid Game'. It has had a large amount of coverage nationally over the last couple of days, where schools are asking parents/carers not to let their children watch it.

Although we are aware that this does not affect all children, we are writing to all parents/carers, so they are informed of the current media attention around this programme.

It has come to our attention that some of the children at Kingswood have watched the programme, which is rated a 15, or videos relating to it online, and then discussing it on the playground with other children. The premise of this show is not appropriate for children and some have become upset after hearing about its content.

I have spoken with both Oak and Birch class to highlight the importance of the age restrictions on films, programmes and video games, as well as their purpose; to protect children and keep them safe from things that may affect them whilst watching them, or afterwards. The Squid Game has particularly graphic and dark content, which is meant to make viewers feel uncomfortable and shocked. I have also talked to the children about how these 'shows' are for entertainment purposes, driven by ratings, fame and to make money - not taking into consideration the effect that their content may have on people that view it. We have asked children not to speak about it at school with other children, however if they are concerned, feel they need to talk about it or are worried about what they have seen, we have highlighted that they can speak with any of the adults at school.

Parents/carers may not be aware that their children are watching it, so I have attached some guidance for parents/carers from 'Think U Know', based around Privacy Settings, what to do if your child has seen something inappropriate, as well as advice about watching videos online. There is also other useful guidance and advice on there.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/a-parents-guide-to-privacy-settings/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

We thank you in advance for your support with the above programme and other video, online casts and television films/programmes that are not age appropriate for children.

Kindest Regards,

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