



# "We Grow Together in God's Love"

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Important Information for Parents re 'Squid Game'**

It has come to our attention that some children in school have been watching a series on Netflix called 'Squid Game' either with a family member or on their own without their parent's consent or knowledge.

These children are now playing the same TV series on the yard and have been talking about it with other curious children who have then gone home to search what the series is, leading to nightmares, loss of sleep, Peer pressure has been placed on some children to go home and watch it.

The series which is based upon a children's games such as; 'Red light, green light' and has been classified age 16 due to the content and nature of each program. The series centres on a contest where 456 players, drawn from different walks of life but each deeply in debt, play a set of children's games with deadly consequences for losing for a chance to win a ~~W~~45.6 billion prize.

IMDB has issued the following guidance for the program, examples have been included –

### **Sex & Nudity**

- Moderate
- Two characters have sex in a toilet cubicle for 5 prolonged minutes. Very easy to skip.
- We see several female characters in body paint. Explicit nudity is not shown, however.
- Scene mentioning necrophilia and a semi graphic sex scene.
- A man and woman are thrown out of a vehicle in only their underwear. A close of the man's face is near the woman's clothed buttocks, but nothing is sexual in nature.
- Male nudity is clearly shown.
- A man unrobes himself and his buttocks are shown.
- One-man flirts with another man and asks if they can go somewhere alone, which they do. As they leave, references to 69 and "having fun" are made.

### **Violence & Gore**

- Severe
- The game is based on killing and eliminating contestants. Therefore, there is violence, stabbing, shooting, and smashing heads. Also, there is a scene in which the doctor pulls out eyes and parts from a dead body.
- A man struggles with another man for an envelope. As they struggle, the other man shoves him and the man grabs on a machine, the machine then crushes his entire arm and blood can be spurting out everywhere.
- Bodies are shown hanging for all the contenders to see.
- Organs are removed from some dead bodies. Shots showing eyeballs, a heart and other organs are clearly visible, though only for a few seconds. This is featured briefly in almost every episode.



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- Every episode contains bloody shooting, sometimes at a point-blank range. Frequent fighting, sometimes with weapons such as small knives or metal bars. The characters cannot clean themselves up after these fights or games, so any blood on their faces or clothing remains there.
- A man is stabbed to death on a bridge, blood is seen and the scene goes on for quite some time. The man's killer then jumps off of the bridge into the water below.

## Profanity

- Moderate
- They are several uses of the word F\*ck and its derivatives. Also, other profanity like sh\*t, b\*tch, a\*\*hole, etc.
- "F\*ck" is used infrequently. It is used sexually once.
- Based off English subtitles with the original Korean audio, profanity also includes countless religious exclamations, usually g\*\*d\*\*\*, except when one character prays to God a lot.
- The Korean audio has a lot of swearing (f-bombs multiple times per minute in many scenes) but the English subs usually don't include all of them and usually make it milder. For example, in the bathroom scene in the 2nd or 3rd episode, all the f-bombs turn into milder words like "b\*stard."
- A woman tells a man that his (dick) is small. This only occurs once, and the term is not used again.

## Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

- Mild
- Man smoking outside gas station. Other scenes depict smoking and drinking in various locations.

## Frightening & Intense Scenes

- Severe
- Given the nature and concept of this show, the entire series is a bit frightening. The games themselves are very intense, and death is considered natural, shrugged off by the killer.
- This show can be frightening and intense for some viewers. It shows people being killed as well as screaming/pleading for their lives.
- Killings in the second and fourth game are done by a point-blank execution, can get very bloody and disturbing.
- A man gets his hand crushed in an open piece of machinery. He screams in pain and blood is seen coming out of his hand stump. Very graphic and disturbing scene
- It becomes very clear that you have to be selfish in order to win the games, which lead to some very shocking and heart-breaking moments which can deeply affect the audience.

We would recommend that parents check their children's devices and should it be mentioned that they have heard of it or watched it, a clear message is given to the children that it is not suitable for them to watch or discuss with others.

As a Catholic school we follow the Christian values and Fruits of the Spirits such as; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. With these at the centre of our school it promotes peaceful friendships, a safe and stimulating environment for your children to love to learn. The knowledge and introduction of this program has had a negative effect upon children who have experienced it and we would hope that you can support us and your children by following the age-related guidance about 'Squid Game'.

Mrs Wainwright