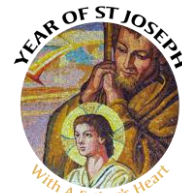




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Squid Games

Dear parents/carers

Please see the information below about the Netflix series Squid Games. Some of our staff have been concerned this week that some of our children have been talking about watching it.

Extract from the Radio Times

Squid Game has quickly become one of the most talked about television shows in the world, with many viewers now rushing to catch up with the show before they encounter any spoilers.

Set in South Korea, the dark thriller sees a group of desperate strangers gathered together in a mysterious place to compete in a series of deadly challenges inspired by children's games.

If that brief synopsis doesn't make it clear, let us state without any confusion that Squid Game is not for kids, so don't let its brightly coloured costumes and surreal environments make you think otherwise.

The **BBFC** have awarded Squid Game a **15 rating** in the UK for "sexual violence references, injury detail, crude humour, sex, suicide, sexual images, violence".

Unlike the 12a rating which allows younger viewers provided they are with a parent or other guardian, the 15 rating states that the material is "suitable only for 15 years and over" with no concession for accompanying adults.

<https://www.radiotimes.com/tv/drama/squid-game-age-rating-netflix/>

The screenshot shows the Common Sense Media website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Find movies, books, and more ...". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: Movies & TV, Books, Apps & Games, Parents Need to Know, Latino, Research, About Us, and Distance Learning. The main content area is titled "Kid reviews for Squid Game". It features a small image of the Squid Game character, a "Common Sense says" section with a green checkmark and "age 16+ ★★★★★ Based on our expert review", a "Parents say" section with "age 17+ ★★★★★ Based on 39 reviews", and a "Kids say" section with "age 14+ ★★★★★ Based on 128 reviews". There is a green button labeled "Add your rating".

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/tv-reviews/squid-game/user-reviews/child>

Yours sincerely

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