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Perdiswell

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# The Perdiswell Post

Dear Families,

Our Spots and Stripes Children in Need day has been a resounding success and we have raised over £480.00! In our assembly this morning, we discussed how this charity supports so many families in so many different ways.

The PTA are currently organising a fantastic Santa Fun Run event to be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, in place of our usual Christmas Fair. We want to ensure that the children enjoy our Christmas preparations, and we make the most of getting back to near normal! The children can wear a Santa hat and some trainers or a full Christmassy fun costume with trainers. Full details are included in the attached PTA letter, and we are looking forward to a great event.

Thank you to all those who completed the Parent Survey and kindly shared your views. I am delighted to say that 100% of responses agreed that children are happy at school and feel safe. This of course, is our priority for all our children and we will continue to work in partnership with you to achieve this.

Rachel Hughes

## Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 26th November 4:30pm	School Tour for Prospective Parents
Tuesday 30th November 9:00 - 10:30am	Perdiswell Stay & Play Indoor Session. To book a place <a href="#">click here.</a>
Wednesday 1st December	Last swimming session before Christmas
Monday 6th - Thursday 9th December	Last Enrichment Club sessions
Tuesday 7th December 2:00 - 3:00pm	Perdiswell Stay & Play Outdoor Session. To book a place <a href="#">click here.</a>
Tuesday 7th December 4:30pm	School Tour for Prospective Parents



### PERDISWELL WRAP AROUND CARE IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We are now very busy on certain days.  
Please ensure you have booked the sessions  
you need up until Christmas, as ad-hoc  
spaces are limited.

Thank you.

Christmas Dates  
will be sent out  
next week!





## Road Safety Alert!



Please do not stop your car on the 'Keep Clear' markings or the double yellow lines in front of the school, even if it is to drop off a child.

**Thank you for helping us to keep our families safe.**



## Calling all Parents! - Vital information!

Now you have registered on MyChildAtSchool, please ensure the **notifications are enabled for the app** on your mobile phone as all our communication after Christmas will be a push notification or an email. Text messages are now being phased out.

If you need your invitation code emailed to you again, please email the school office:  
[office@perdiswell.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@perdiswell.tgacademy.org.uk)

**Thank you**

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## Reception Class Admissions September 2022

Calling all parents with children who will be 4 years old by 31st August 2022!

**Deadline to apply: 15th January 2022**

**Click on the banner above to apply!**

## We need your help!!

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PTA

Would you enjoy organising exciting events and socialising with like-minded parents?

Do you want to raise money for equipment and resources to help make your child's time at school more enjoyable?

If so, join us on the PTA for fun and fundraising! Please contact us on:

[perdiswellcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:perdiswellcommunications@gmail.com)

# 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 to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, 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 in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

## 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.

## 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.

## Meet Our Expert

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# When do I need to self-isolate?

To keep life moving and stop Covid-19 from spreading further, it's still important to self-isolate when you're asked to.

There are new rules from 16 August:

## Should I self-isolate if...

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| <b>Q</b> I've tested positive for Covid-19?   | <b>A YES:</b> You need to self-isolate, even if you've been vaccinated  |
| <b>Q</b> I'm double-jabbed or I'm under 18 - and I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive?                 | <b>A NO:</b> You do not need to self-isolate<br><b>BUT:</b> We advise you to take a PCR test, and you need to self-isolate if it's positive |
| <b>Q</b> I've had either one or no jabs and I'm 18 or over - and I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive? | <b>A YES:</b> You need to self-isolate  |
| <b>Q</b> I have symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste)? | <b>A YES:</b> You should self-isolate and take a PCR test, even if you've been vaccinated   |

