

Newsletter



Please complete the steps to enter our prize draw. The training is informative and helps you keep your children safe online! Full details are on the next page

Stars of the week 5th November

RLN Willow RNM Maisie
 1MM Filip 1CB/LM Jayden
 2SM Elsie 2JW Ethan
 3MB Chloe 3JS/SS Koby
 4AB Kuba 4EJ Finlay
 5JP Gabby Mp 5HB Lily

Stars of the week 12th November

RLN Elise RNM Maisie
 1MM Albie 1CB/LM William
 2SM Amy 2JW Lochlan
 3MB Joud 3JS/SS Jensen
 4AB Daniela 4EJ Bradley
 5JP Alice 5HB Andreea



Jubilee celebrations day off in Lieu

School will be closed on Friday 3rd December.

Primary school applications

Primary school applications need to be made by January 15th at 5 pm via the Northamptonshire County Council webpage. If you need any support with this, please let the office know.

'Friends of Priors Hall'

Our PTA are actively planning an extravagant Christmas Fayre on December 11th, for our families and community. Please contact Aimee Fogg in the office, if you are interested in helping.

Christmas Dinner

Early Years and Key Stage 1 –

Whole school Diary Dates

Friday 19th November – Children in Need – Together, we can.

Friday 3rd December. SCHOOL CLOSED - Jubilee Day off in Lieu

Friday 10th December - Wear something Christmassy (UNICEF) Children's first aid training

Saturday 11th December - Priors Hall Christmas Fayre (community centre)

Monday 13th at 3.30 pm & Tuesday 14th December at 9.30am - Year 1 Nativity – see letter to Y1 parents on Gateway.

Monday 13th December – Children's first aid training

Wednesday 15th December - School Disco – see separate letter/contact office

Friday 17th December – school closes for Christmas

Class Assemblies this term:

Friday November 26th – Year 6 - Brass Performance

Monday 13th December – A King is born (Y1) 3.30pm

Tuesday 14th December – A King is born (Y1) 9.30am

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility –if you are concerned about the welfare of a child, please contact one of our school DSLs, Ben Lynch, Tess McQuade,

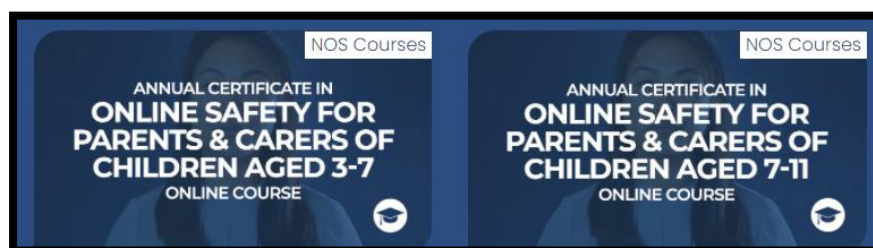
National Online Safety Accreditation



You could win a £15 amazon voucher by signing up and completing a training certificate on our new platform, National Online Safety!

As a school, we are committed to keeping our children safe online. In society today, children have technology readily available (and are mostly better than we adults are at navigating any device!) Part of this initiative is that we have signed up to National Online Safety. It is an expensive but very comprehensive package, which will give us an Online Safety accreditation.

You are able to access a whole host of training/how to guides and information guides on this platform, this will help you understand the risks children are exposed to online and how to prevent harm. In order to be entered into the prize draw, please complete the 'Annual Certificate in Online Safety' as pictured below. There are lots and lots of other videos and guides for you to use as you wish 😊



1. Log in to:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/priors-hall-a-learning-community>

2. Set up a **FREE** account on our school's subscription
3. Complete the above training (33 minutes long) and receive your certificate by Tuesday 30th November
4. You will automatically be entered into our prize draw which will be drawn on Wednesday 1st December

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 is 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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