

28TH FEBRUARY 2025

Welcome back to a new half term. We are looking forward to some sunnier spring weather as we head towards March. Miss Lloyd has placed an order for eggs and incubators, meaning chicks must be on their way soon!

We are looking forward to celebrating **Book Week** in school next week and staff have planned lots of engaging activities for the children based around the different books chosen by each year group team. Scholastic will be providing us with their usual Book Fair throughout the course of the week and this will be open to parents and carers during our Parents' Evenings on **Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March up until 6:30pm** in the school hall.

Each year group will get the chance to visit the Book Fair on the following days:

Year 3—Monday  
Year 4—Tuesday  
Year 5—Wednesday  
Year 6—Thursday

In celebration of World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 6th March**. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes!



Well done to our girls' football team, who travelled to Markeaton Primary last night, playing two games and winning one. Mr Kettle picked out Kemi in Year 4 as the star player, particularly as she was playing against much older girls—well done Kemi!

Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,  
Mrs J Hill

## School Dinners

Next week, we will be choosing from our Week 2 menu. Please remember that we have had to increase prices for school meals by 20p per day to **£2.80 per meal** to cover costs which can no longer be paid for by the school budget. A full week of dinners from this week now costs £14. Please remember that school dinners **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. There have been some small changes to the remainder of our **Autumn/Winter menu**, please click [here](#) to view the full menu.



## Film Night—Sonic 3

Thursday 6th March in the hall  
3:30-5:30pm



Tickets on sale in the hall before school from 3rd March—£2 each  
Please bring your own snack

### 2024/25 DATES

Monday 3rd— Friday 7th March	All Week	Book Week
Monday 3rd March & Wednesday 5th March	3:30-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Meetings
Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Monday 10th March	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip—see letter
Wednesday 12th— Friday 14th March	TBC	Year 5 Egyptian Workshops—Information to follow
Wednesday 26th— Friday 28th March	TBC	Year 3 Roman Workshops—Information to follow
Friday 4th April	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Monday 12th— Thursday 15th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week—all children in school please
Friday 16th— Sunday 18th May	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

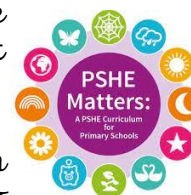
### 2025/26 DATES

Thursday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Friday 5th September	All Day	INSET 2
Monday 8th September	8:55am	First day back at school
Monday 3rd November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 13th February	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 1st June	All Day	INSET 5

#### RSE Parental Consultation

Before half term, we sent home letters with details of how you can contribute towards our current consultation into the way we teach Relationships Education at Gayton. More details can be found on our website by clicking [here](#)

Resources will be available to view in the hall during our Parents' Evenings on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** from 4:00-6:30pm and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.



#### Pancake Day!



The School Council have requested that we sell pancakes before school on Pancake Day and we thought that sounded like a great idea! If they wish, children will be able to purchase a warmed, chocolate-filled pancake for 50p from the school hall to eat on the playground before school when doors open on Tuesday 4th March.

Please be aware that these will be pre-cooked as we do not have a kitchen on site and will contain **eggs, milk and hazelnut chocolate spread**.

## Ramadan—March 2025

As Eid Al-Fitr approaches in March, I am conscious that some children may choose to partake in Ramadan ahead of the festival. With that in mind, I thought it pertinent to share our policy with you again ahead of the celebration.

The health and safety of our children is of paramount importance during any school day and we would not recommend that children keep a full fast as it is not a religious obligation for primary aged children to fast unless in the rare instance of them having reached maturity.

If your child wishes to fast, we would recommend that they keep a partial fast by taking breakfast as their Suhoor and lunch as their Iftar. If your child is going to be keeping a full fast then it is important that you complete this [online form](#) please so that we are aware that your child is fasting. **No child will be allowed to fast unless we have their parent's written consent.**

### Ramadan Guidelines for Parents

Due to the length of time that fasting children will abstain from food and drink, we have developed these guidelines in consultation with staff and neighbouring faith schools:

- All children must have written consent from parents/carers to fast during the school day.
- All parents/carers to ensure the school has an up-to-date emergency telephone number.
- Children should eat and drink plenty at both Sahoor and Iftar.
- Children should choose to break their fast if they feel unwell or are suffering from the effects of dehydration.
- Children should eat healthily during any period of fasting and avoid sugary, highly salty and fried food where possible.
- Children should continue with and take part in PE as it is part of the National Curriculum.
- Parents/Carers should ensure that their children have a sufficient amount of sleep.

### Procedures

- It is advisable for children at junior school not to fast during the school day except in the rare instance that they have reached the age of maturity.
- Parents of children wishing to fast must have completed the [online form](#) to notify school, giving their permission.
- Any fasting children that appear very unwell or appear to be suffering the effects of dehydration will be sent home. Children will also have the option to break their fast straightaway.
- Snacks should be provided by parents please – in readiness for your child choosing to break their fast during the school day due to feeling unwell.

# 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 for young audiences by the viral TV show, *Squid Game*. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and 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 across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

## 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 these 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. 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 talking 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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## Let's Talk SEND

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**5pm - 7pm**  
**At the Museum of Making**



**For an open conversation around  
SEND in Derby City**

**With representatives from Derby City Council  
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**Confused about EHCP's? and Annual Reviews?**

**What the process is?**

**How long it takes?**

**Not sure what is fact and a myth?**

**Worried because your young person is struggling to attend school? Or at risk of exclusion?**

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Online Wednesday 5th March**

**13.00 - 2.30**

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