

Dear parents & carers,
Hopefully, you will have all now received an update on your child through a Parents' Evening consultation - or you will have an appointment at one of our re-scheduled meetings. If you haven't received this information, please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo. If your child's teacher is absent, please contact admin@thegrangeschooldaventry.net who will contact you to organise a meeting. Kind regards, Vicki
Vicki M M Masters (Head Teacher)

BREAKFAST CLUB & EARLY DROP OFF SESSIONS

Option 1 - Breakfast Club (breakfast and childcare included)

Drop your children off anytime from 7:30 onwards. Dedicated member of staff to meet and greet. Quiet games, puzzles and homework help available at this time. Breakfast included. Children will be then sent off to class ready for the day ahead.

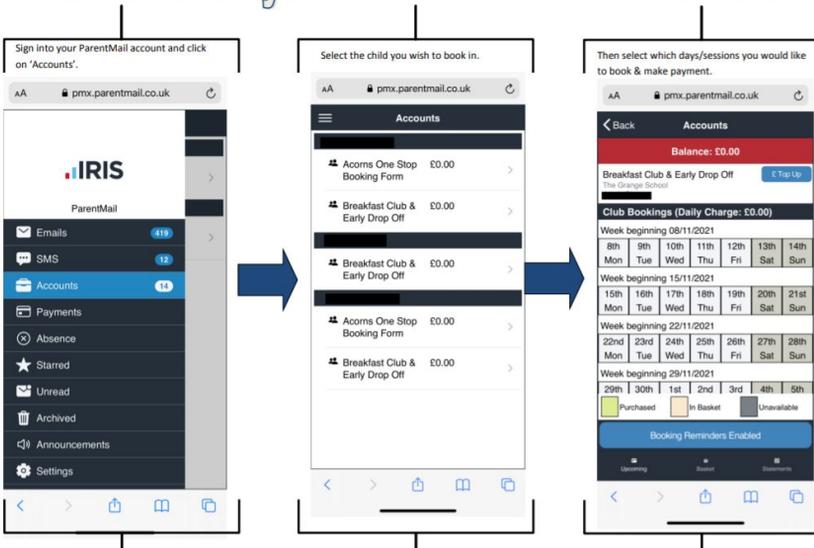
Cost £4 per day - must be booked in advance. (Parentmail App - Accounts - Breakfast Club Booking Form)

Option 2 - Early Drop Off (childcare only included)

Drop off your child at anytime from 8:30 onwards. (Please be aware that children will not be admitted to site before this time to ensure that we have the correct staff ratios in place). Quiet games and puzzles will be available at this time. Children will be then sent off to class ready for the day ahead. Breakfast NOT included.

Cost £1 per day - must be booked in advance. This will ensure that we will have the correct staff/pupil ratios. (Parentmail App - Accounts - Breakfast Club Booking Form)

How to book your child into Breakfast Club.



November is Anti-Bullying Month

National Anti-Bullying Week falls in November each year. Whilst we always run school initiatives at this time, this year we are having an even bigger focus.

Teachers across the country are reporting that, as a result of the pandemic, children have 'forgotten' how to play with large numbers of children. They are less resilient than they used to be and schools are experiencing larger numbers of children who are finding playtimes more difficult to cope with.

We are taking the time to explore these issues with the children and ensuring that they have the skills to play together well; recognise and deal with inappropriate behaviour; distinguish between inappropriate behaviour and bullying and know where to go for help.

Please be assured that we don't feel that we have a huge issue with bullying in school, but feel this is a crucial part of our COVID recovery plan.

ANGLIA WATER UPDATE

We have now moved onto our final closure between Daventry Rugby Club and Christchurch Drive, which we expect to be completed by Christmas, access to the Rugby Club and Health Centre will **only** be via B4038 London.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 19th November - BBC Children In Need - All children are invited to wear their spots to school.

Our school curriculum

We have been working - and continue to work hard - to develop our curriculum, to ensure that it meets our overarching aim.

Our intention is that all children leave our school with the knowledge, skills, attributes, confidence and aspirations to change the world.

Over the coming year, my HT blogs will provide you with more information about what we're doing to improve your child's outcomes and life chances.

Check the website regularly and follow social media to keep up to date.



We're looking for volunteers to come into school and read alongside our children. Please contact admin@thegrangeschooldaventry.net if you can spare some time regularly. We'll be grateful for any time you can donate to us. Full training will be given.

Dream Believe Achieve



Attendance Ladder



Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education. Parents are legally responsible for making sure that children attend school.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Clayton our attendance manager at: mrs.clayton@thegrangeschooldaventry.net

What Parents Need to Know About Squid Game

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. In the guide below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate content, viral spin-offs and scene re-enactments.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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 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. 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 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 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

Carly Page is an experienced and highly respected freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant. Previously the editor of Tech Tableted. The ILLUSTRATED, Carly now works as the news editor for Computer Shopper and IT Pro and writes for a number of publications including Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The Metro, uSwitch and WIRED.



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