

# Best Future's E-Safety Newsletter December 2021

## Squid Game – rated 15+

Have you heard of Squid Game? It's one of Netflix's latest releases about a group of people participating in a series of children's games in the hope of winning a large cash prize. It has been rated 15 due to the graphic and gruesome content which is not suitable for children's viewing.

Parental guide to squid game.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/squid->

Due to its current popularity, content from this show can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, Tok-tok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes, re-enactments and games.

## Snapchat is age rating 13+

The Snapchat app lets you send photos, short videos or messages to your friends. Pictures and videos, known as 'Snaps', usually appear temporarily before disappearing, though they can be captured via screenshots. This app can be used for cyberbullying, sexting and showing nudes.

Parent Guide: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/snapchat/>

**NSPCC** The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how urgent it is for us to come together to stop online abuse. During last year's lockdowns our helpline saw a 60% increase in contacts from people worried about children experiencing online sexual abuse.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, including online safety you can contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Kara Bradley or Abigail Moore on the office number 01472 278978.

## Welcome to Best Futures' E-Safety newsletter.

The world of online safety is constantly evolving. Best Future's E-safety newsletter will help parents to keep current with changes, helping you to help keep your children safe.



**What is Roblox?** You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. Roblox has a PEGI rating of 7+ BUT as a lot of the content is user generated, which PEGI does not rate, these games may not be suitable for your child to view/play.

## What should I be aware of?

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. Parental Guide: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>

## What parents and carers need to know about Netflix

The planet's most popular subscription streaming service, Netflix currently offers more than 500 shows and almost 2,500 films for users to choose from. Many of these, of course, are squarely aimed at an adult audience but are nevertheless accessible to children through a parent or carer's profile unless preventative controls have been set up.

This was the problem behind the recent furore around *Squid Game*, a violent South Korean drama featuring deadly playground games which caused many unsuspecting adults to mistake it for a children's programme.