

**ALMA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Safeguarding Newsletter for Parents and Carers  
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Welcome and thank you for taking the time to read Alma's Safeguarding Newsletter. This month we have chosen to address online safety; in particular watching videos/programmes, as we were made aware that some of our pupils have been watching inappropriate material online.

I would like to remind you that our school website contains more information on how to help you keep your children safe in education, online and at home.



<https://almaprimary.co.uk/health-and-safety/>

### **Watching videos online: what parents and carers need to know**

Watching videos is one of the most popular ways children and young people consume content online. 91% of 5-15 year olds watch video-on-demand content online and 97% use video sharing platforms, with YouTube being the most used platform ([Ofcom Children and Parents: Media use and attitudes report 2020/21](#)).

There are many reasons why children might enjoy this online activity. Videos can be entertaining, funny, creative or educational. From silly animal videos to slime-making or video-game tutorials, the internet has it all. But the amount and availability of content children of all ages can enjoy does increase the risk that they may see something inappropriate.

**What is inappropriate video content?  
How could my child see inappropriate video content?  
What can I do to help keep my child safe when watching videos?**

To find out the answers to the questions above follow this link

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

### **SHOULD MY CHILD BE WATCHING SQUID GAME?**

While there is no age recommendation on many Netflix's shows, the British Board of Film Classification has given Squid Game a **15 rating** in the UK for "*sexual violence references, injury detail, crude humour, sex, suicide, sexual images, violence*".

Therefore, if your child is younger than 15 they should NOT be watching this series.

Follow the link below if you would like to find out more about this series and what you need to do to keep your child safe.

<https://metro.co.uk/2021/10/02/squid-game-should-i-let-my-kid-watch-the-hit-netflix-show-15353187/>