



## Digital Leaders

The Digital Leaders delivered an informative assembly to celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The theme this year was 'Smart kids understand internet safety and know how to protect themselves online.' They then went into each class to deliver a session with the children. They did a great job!



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### Age Rating

Age ratings help protect your child by ensuring they only access content that is appropriate for their age and maturity level. It is important to check the age rating while your child uses their device to keep them safe from unsuitable content. Here are the age ratings for some popular apps that young children are accessing.

Facebook 13+	WhatsApp 13+
Instagram 13+	YouTube 13+ (on YouTube kids, you can refine the settings to 4 and under, 5-8 and 9-12)
Snapchat 13+	Fortnite 12+
X (Twitter) 13+	TikTok 13

### Squid Games

The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) has rated Squid Game as 15+. You can find out the reasons for this rating by visiting the BBFC website. <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/>

Due to its popularity, Squid Game-related content appears on various platforms like YouTube, TikTok, and Roblox, meaning your child may encounter it even without watching the show on Netflix.

#### What can parents and do?

- Configure parental controls on your broadband to restrict access to content that is not suitable for your child's age.
- Have open conversations with your child about age-appropriate content and why certain material may not be suitable for them.
- Create a child-friendly profile on streaming services like Netflix to ensure they can only watch content appropriate for their age.
- Teach your child how to report and block inappropriate content on all platforms they use.
- Spend time exploring online content together so you can understand what your child is watching and provide the best support.

For more information on the Squad Games visit: <https://nationalcollege.com/news/squid-game-what-parents-need-to-know>