

The Blue Whale Game

The Blue Whale game is a dangerous game that is popular at the moment in Russia and spreading across Eastern Europe.

The game is played online and spreads through social media.

Players are appointed a "master/teacher" and these "masters/teachers" challenge the players in stages, to tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body, usually the arm or the leg. As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self-harm and the final challenge is to commit suicide.

All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called "master/teacher". The game is being played by children of all ages, some as young as primary age, but predominantly by teenagers.

The Blue Whale Game has received media attention within England over the last week and there have been reports where the game has been mentioned in schools in Derbyshire.

It is advisable for parents to be made aware of this 'game' and advise given to them if they are concerned about a child/children.

For more information on The Blue Whale game please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-those-concerned-about-%E2%80%98blue-whale%E2%80%99-hoax>

Should you have any concerns or incidents please notify the police on 101 and treat the child or children involved as an urgent safeguarding concern and follow the safeguarding procedures.