



Online Safety Newsletter

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TikTok

There is an app called 'TikTok' where videos and musical clips can be viewed. This app can be used on a range of devices. We are aware that some children may use TikTok or have seen TikTok in use. Users must be over 13 years of age to use the app due to some videos containing explicit language and sexual imagery. It is important to safeguard all users, particularly children who are using the app.

If your child is using TikTok, we recommend setting the account as private. It is also important to discuss with your child the dangers of adding personal information on any social media platform.

Below is the link to an article if you would like support with settings and features:

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/enus/strengthening-privacy-and-safety-for-youth>



Family Pairing

This allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account. This will allow you to set controls such as restricted mode and screen time.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Blocking and Reporting

As with similar apps, there is the ability to report and block other users. The information below can assist with the steps needed.

- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>
- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/using-tiktok/followers-andfollowing/blocking-the-users>

Apple Parental Controls

Many children now have their own apple device. To help support your child setting up their new apple device, there are options to set parental controls. The following link explains how to use the device's screen time feature to restrict, and monitor, app usage.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-control-apple-iphone-and-ipad-parental-control-guide.pdf>

If you require more help with adding parental controls to your child's iPhone, contact school for more information.

Apple Guided Access / Android Screen Pinning

If you are sharing a device within the family setting, there is still the ability to restrict the use of specific apps.

Use the following links to find out how to set it up:

Apple: <https://support.apple.com/engb/HT202612>

Reporting of Incidents on Other Apps

If you are worried or have any concerns regarding online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online, you can use the link below to report any incidents.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>