

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA



As a reminder children under the age of 13 should not be using TickTok, SnapChat, Instagram, Facebook or YouTube.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

It is important that personal information should not be shared with others. This includes information such as:

- Home address
- School
- Phone Number
- School uniform



TIK TOK UPDATE



What is TikTok?

Users can watch musical clips, record (up to) 60 second clips, edit them and add special effects.

Is your child old enough?

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Why should I be concerned?

Some of the songs used in this app may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view.

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private. Internet matters explains how to here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktokprivacy-and-safety-settings/>

Did you know?

Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio is still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. address, age and phone numbers).

Talk to your child

Why does your child use it? What do they like about it? Do they know their followers? What do they like watching on it? Have they ever seen anything that has worried them?

Family safety mode

This new tool has just been launched by TikTok which when enabled gives you control over your child's safety settings. More information available here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51561050>

PARENTAL CONTROLS



Install parental controls on your home broadband. Most Internet-enabled devices also allow you to set parental controls so you can manage what they can see online. For more support go to: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

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matters.org**

Get expert support and practical tips to help children benefit from connected technology and the internet safely and smartly. From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you'll find a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.

CHECK IF IT'S SUITABLE



The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram www.common sense media.org/app-reviews