

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are here to support all our children with their learning, please do make contact with us if needed. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk

Remote Learning

We published our Remote Learning Strategy via eSchools earlier this week. We hope that you have had chance to look at this information and that any questions you may have had regarding content and expectations for learning during lockdown, have been addressed. If you have not seen a copy, please contact the school and we will send to you again.

eSchools

The easiest way to access your child's class page on e-schools is to go the school website <https://www.steammillsprimary.co.uk/website> and click the LOGIN button at the top of the page.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

During lockdown, the Breakfast Club and After School Club continue to run for the children of key workers. Please contact Miss Agg, if you have not done so already, if you require this service. Thank you.

On-line Safety – TikTok

Please see below a letter, regarding the TikTok app, from PC Greg Steer who is the Schoolbeat Officer for the Forest of Dean.

Wellbeing Courses for Parents

Attached to this newsletter are details of wellbeing courses being offered by the Adult Education Department at Gloucestershire County Council.

Reminder for those children attending school

Please continue to practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Thank you and best wishes,
Mrs Davis

Diary Dates

January

28th Rec & Y6 Screening – this will be postponed

February

12th End of Term 3

22nd Start of Term 4

April

1st End of Term 4

19th Start of Term 5

TikTok

The past year has brought so many significant changes to the way we live our lives. Online learning, working from home and the accompanying challenges of online meetings have impacted on many of us.

Like their parents and carers, many children have increased their time on the internet, which in itself has posed increased challenges for digital parenting.

Throughout this challenging time, Schoolbeat Officers and Police Community Support Officers have worked closely with Head teachers to provide advice and guidance to pupils on how to stay safe online.

*What has become clear to Schoolbeat Officers is that more and more children are highlighting their use of social media, in particular **TikTok**.*

Like many other Social Media platforms, TikTok has an age restriction of 13 years old. Whilst TikTok can be very appealing to younger audiences, many parents and carers are reminding their children that they need to be 13 before having the app.

Some parents and children have reported inappropriate content on the app, others have raised concerns about the risks linked to the messaging function and children keeping profiles open in order to get more comments and shares.

The online world can be an exciting place for children; however, it is not without its risks. It is important that children follow cyber safety advice and utilise age appropriate apps and games, this way we can reduce those risks and make their online experience as safe and fun as it should be.

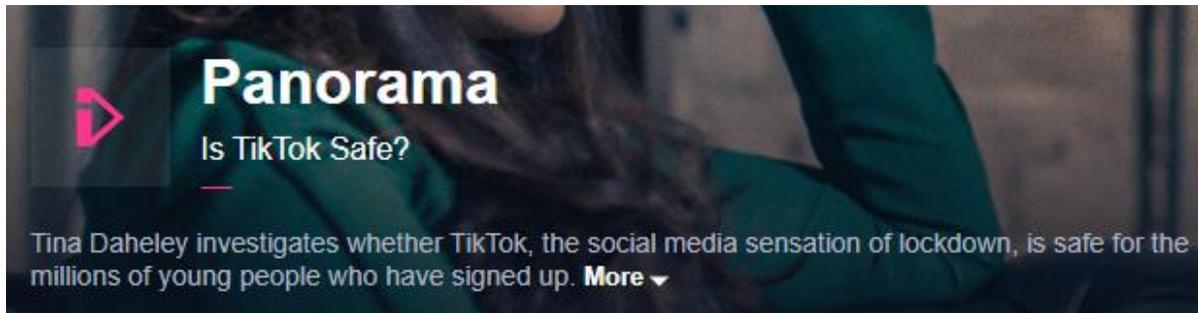
It's great to take an active interest in your child's life online and we'd encourage you to talk openly with them about the things they do. Remember, the internet is an essential part of young people's lives and provides them with tremendous opportunities.

Useful information for parents and carers and online safety advice/resources can be found on the below sites.

The NSPCC's online Net Aware service provides expert reviews and safety advice on all of the most popular social networks, apps and games young people are using; www.net-aware.org.uk

CEOP's ThinkUKnow website contains resources and advice tailored by age, as well as specific tools for parents and professionals;
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Also, below is the link to a Panorama episode which looked into how safe TikTok really is;



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000p3p9/panorama-is-tiktok-safe>