

Safer Schools Newsletter/Secondary Week 4

Welcome to our fourth Safer Schools weekly newsletter. This newsletter has been created for **Parents and Carers** this week. We wish to educate, raise awareness of the risks involved with children and young people using TikTok and how to keep them and other family members safe whilst having fun.



Keeping safe



Despite the risks and age restrictions, TikTok has become a fun and interactive platform for children to make videos to share with their friends. We are very aware that children of secondary school age may not have been exposed to TikTok however there are many who have, or have siblings who use it. It is important that you, as parents or carers are aware of the risks involved to pass on and educate your child to protect their privacy and innocence. Some helpful facts about TikTok are set out below:

What is TikTok? Developed in China, TikTok is used for creating, sharing and discovering music videos. It is like Karaoke for the digital age.

Age restriction: TikTok requires users to be over the age 13 to access the platform however Common-Sense Media has recommended that this App is appropriate for those aged at least 16 years old and above due to its mature content and information settings.

What you can do to keep safe?

- Ensure that settings are set to 'private' so only people whom you and your child know can contact and view videos
- Turn off the 'location' service within the App
- Adult supervision required with any child under the recommended age of 16
- Monitor your child's usage and be aware of inappropriate behaviour such as nude image sharing, expressing hate comments or using it for cyber bullying
- Encourage your child to be aware of their surroundings when recording videos. Never show anything that could identify who you are, where you live and what interest you have. Consider a video of your child, in their school uniform, outside your house - it may seem innocent to them, but what does it tell others who don't know you?

This short video shares 5 helpful tips to remain safe on TikTok
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEkku-lkeg>



Parent & Carers Corner!

For parents & Carers: Please click on the link below which will give you access to Parent Info a website which is full of helpful advice and tips to keep families safe in the digital world. You can explore advice on Games, Apps & Tech, Parenting, Safety and Settings, Relationships, Education and Health & Wellbeing.

There is also a very informative article on TikTok – What parents/carer need to know.

[Parent Info](#)



Hate crime



Have you heard of Hate crime? The following link is informative and full of resources such as a tool for reporting hate crimes or incidents and how to access support.

www.report-it.org.uk/

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We would love to hear your feedback & comments. You can contact the team via our email Schools&CYP@Cambs.pnn.police.uk

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