



# Knavesmire Primary School E-Safety Newsletter Updates - Spring 2, 2023

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This is the fourth e-safety newsletter of the academic year of 2022-2023. Each half-term, we share an e-safety newsletter with you to provide support and guidance on keeping your child/children safe online.

## TikTok

TikTok is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short videos.



A user must be over the age of 13 years old to use TikTok. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for users under the age of 13 years old, hence the age restriction. Appropriate security/ privacy settings can be applied to an account via the application itself.

### **Account set up**

By default, accounts for users under 16 years old are set to private at the start. As this is a default setting, it is recommended that this stays on. This allows users to approve follower requests. More information can be found about this and other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

### **Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok**

Explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, even though it is against TikTok's guidelines, for example nudity and inappropriate language. 'Viral challenges' appear on TikTok which often become very popular. These 'challenges' vary in nature so it is important to be made aware of these. If your child is using TikTok, it would be advisable to chat to them regularly about what they are viewing to ensure they know not to try certain challenges they may see online.

### **Family Pairing**

This facility allows you to link your own account (parent/carer) to your child's account. Once you have paired with your child's account, you then have the ability to set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more, about Family Pairing, here:

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

### **Blocking and Reporting**

It is important to ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, on the application. To find out more about these features, please see here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

### **Bullying on TikTok**

This article, on TikTok's website, makes suggestions on appropriate settings as well as how to deal with bullying online:

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/bullying-prevention/>

### **Tech Tips for Parents/ Carers**

A video titled 'Tech Tips Live' has been created, from Parent Zone, which discusses important information to be aware of if your child is using TikTok. If you are interested in watching this video and learning more, please access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live>

If you have any concerns about your child online, please the following link for more information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>