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Dear Parents and Carers

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It has been brought to our attention that many of our children are on line using apps such as Tik Tok.

Lots of the children have access, watch and post on this video site, please be mindful that Tik Tok has a live streaming facility as well. Please remind your child that their behaviour online is the same as their behaviour off line.

Tik Tok's **minimum age of use is 13 years old.**

If you set up a Tik Tok account, please check the privacy settings are set correctly – when you set up an account it is automatically open to everyone – YOU will need to change the settings for your accounts.

Internet Matters have created this easy to use guide for parents to help report and set up the settings correctly [Internet-Matters-TikTok-Guide-3.pdf \(internetmatters.org\)](#).

Our children have told us they are sometimes worried about speaking to adults if they see something they don't like, as they are worried they will lose their phones or devices. Remember we need to help the children understand how to stay safe on line now and in the future, we cannot do this if we only remove the device.

If you are allowing your child to chat or play online, please have an open dialogue about the chats they are in and games they are playing and who they are communicating with. It might be useful to look at the chat they have been having too.

Please talk to us about any issues you are having.

The NSPCC also have further information by clicking the below link:-
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games-helping-children-play-safe/>

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards

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