Online Newsletter
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WHINLESS DOWN ACADEMY — LEARNING CHANGES LIVES

Make sure online usernames for children are **anonymous**.

Harry2012_Dover (8 year old boy called Harry living in Dover)

**Coolcarrot_7272** (this person has eaten 7272 carrots?!)

TOP TIPS

SMART — **S**tay **S**afe | **D**on't **M**eet Up | **A**ccepting Files | **R**eliable? | **T**ell Someone

Stay Safe

One way to keep your child **SAFE** online is to talk about the importance of not sharing personal details on the internet and apps (names, addresses, school etc). Make a list of what IS safe and what ISN'T safe to share online with your children.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY—TikTok
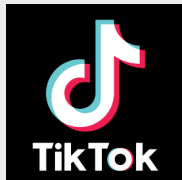
TikTok (formerly knows as musical.ly) is becoming a very popular social media app that many young children are using and have access to. It's official age rating is 13+, but we know many younger children have TikTok accounts too.

TikTok lets users create, share and discover 60 second videos and they can use music and effects to make the videos more fun. Users can also find videos that other people have uploaded. However, it has been deemed to pose a high risk to children's safety.

TikTok does have an excellent feature though to make it much safer to use. It's called 'Family Safety Mode'. You can link a child's account to an adult's account so the adult can do these three things:

1) **Manage how long a child spends on TikTok each day**
2) **Monitor who can send messages to your child's account, or turn off direct messages completely**
3) **Restrict access to certain types of content that might not be appropriate to children**

Most importantly, talk to your child about how to stay safe on TikTok. Explore the app together if they are going to use it, and decide on a set of rules for how they can keep themselves safe on the app.

Click on the images to the right for more help on protecting your children online.

If you have an urgent online safety concern that you feel you need support with, please contact the office at Priory Fields: 01304 211543

Remember, if you think your child is in danger you should call the police.

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