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Dear Parents / Carers

Internet Safety

In recent years and certainly since Covid 19 interrupted our lives, many of us, including our children, have been spending more time using devices online.

Now, more than ever, it is vital that we take steps and continually learn about how to keep our children safe while online. Sadly, it has become far more common for criminals to use social media apps to try and engage children in inappropriate contact.

Did you know that the vast majority of social media apps such as TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram have a minimum age requirement of 13 years?

If you have children who will soon be of the age to use such apps then please do set as a minimum enabling **parental controls** such as "Family Pairing" on TikTok as this allows you to control the **Digital Wellbeing** features such as **restricted mode** that filters inappropriate content and **screen time management**. [Click here for more detail](#).

There are lots of useful resources designed to help parents to keep their children happy and safe. Some give a guide as to what to allow for each age group, such as this one <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

We hope this supports you in allowing your children to enjoy the many benefits of using devices online while teaching them how to remain safe.

Yours sincerely,

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