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Online Safety Newsletter
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Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face-to-face with each other. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody using a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps.

Top Internet Manners

Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Further information:

https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/I-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online

Anime TV

What is Anime?

Anime refers to animations originating from Japan. Due to its cartoon style, your child might inadvertently watch it when it isn't appropriate for their age. Some Anime contains adult themes. It is important to check age ratings so a starting point could be Common Sense Media. They have created a list of some Anime TV with reviews/age ratings:

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/anime-tv-for-teens-and-tweens

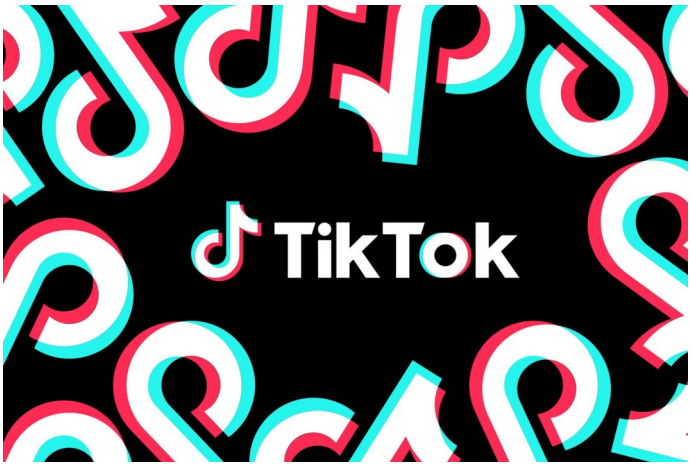
For more information:

For more information about online safety, email enquiries@yewlandsacdemy.org or phone main reception on 0114 232 9010.

You can also visit our website for online safety news, useful resources and web links.

www.yewlandsacademy.org/parents/online-safety/

TikTok update



You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

60-minute screentime notification

TikTok are introducing a 60-minute screentime notification for teen accounts (accounts with users under 18 years of age). When the time limit is reached, the user will be asked to enter their passcode to continue watching.

Family Pairing

This new feature allows you to link your own account to your child's account. TikTok have now added three new features:

- Custom daily screen time limits: this option includes choosing different time limits depending on the day of the week as well.
- Screen time dashboard: this provides a summary of time spent on the app, the number of times TikTok was opened, and a breakdown of total time spent during the day and night.
- Mute notifications: this setting will enable you to mute notifications at set times. Accounts aged 13-15 already do not receive push notifications from 9pm and for accounts aged 16-17, notifications are disabled from 10pm.

Further information:

https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/new-features-for-teens-and-families-on-tiktok-us

Sendit

Sendit is an add-on app to Snapchat and it allows users to play games together. Sendit state on their website that the app is not intended for children under the age of 13.

The games include Q&A games including ask me anything. A user asks a question and players can respond anonymously. As with any anonymous element, there is an increased risk of cyberbullying.

The app does contain in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 to £29.99. There is also a weekly subscription service available, which provides users with enhanced features. It costs £8.49 per week. Ensure payment details are not stored/accessible on your child's device to avoid unexpected bills.

If you know that your child is using this app (and they are underage) then you can contact Sendit to ask them to disable their account.

Further information:

https://www.getsendit.com/parents

What is the Dark Web?

The Dark Web is a hidden part of the internet. The National Crime Agency in collaboration with The Children's Society and Marie Collins Foundation have created a resource to help explain what the Dark Web is. This resource is intended for professionals and parents and carers only. **It is not intended for young people.**

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained/