

Encourage
your children
to be SMART
online!

BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

BE SMART WITH A HEART
Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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Welcome to the second Online Safety Newsletter of the academic year. All previous newsletters can be found in the Online Safety area of our school website - <https://www.parklandprimary.co.uk/online-safety/>



We were in touch before half term about the new Netflix series, Squid Game.

In addition to the previous information shared (<https://www.parklandprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/10/Squid-game-letter-Oct-21.pdf>) we'd like to emphasise the potential hazards this show raises for our pupils –



- Clips of explicit scenes shared on TikTok and YouTube
- Online challenges being shared where children are encouraged to take part in violence
- Squid Game Challenge – a game app for smartphones and tablets in which users are subject to horror themes

TikTok!

TikTok is a video sharing social media app which allows users to create, share and view 15 second clips. Generally, these clips are users lip-syncing and dancing over popular music, enhanced by filters, effects and text. It has 800+ million users worldwide and continues to be a popular source of entertainment.

12+

TikTok has been given a 12+ rating. Meaning users under 12 years of age should be supervised when accessing it.



Most of the content appearing on the TikTok feed is light-hearted and shared for comedy value.

However, clips have been known to feature:

- drug use
- alcohol use
- themes of suicide
- self harm
- sexually suggestive content

Due to the sheer volume of content uploaded, it is impossible for everything to be reviewed so it is important for all users under the age of 12 to be supervised when browsing the app.

It is quick and easy to connect with others via TikTok.

Users can comment on and react to other's content, 'follow' other's profiles and download the videos shared.

While the majority of these interactions will be harmless, the abundance of teen users has attracted unwanted predators attempting to contact users.

It is advised that if your children does have a TikTok account, link it to your own device too so you can monitor content and interactions.

The safest way for all users to enjoy TikTok is to ensure accounts are set to 'private'.

This safe solution with ensure only users who you approve can view the content shared.

While children may suggest this clashes with their dreams of being a social media star, it will support them in staying safe while enjoying social media.



NSPCC

Online Resources for Parents

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

UK Safer Internet Centre
www.saferinternet.org.uk

