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BE SMART ONLINE



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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.



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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

THINK UK KNOW

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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.



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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You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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.



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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.



WWW.CHILDNET.COM

TikTok app safety -What parents need to know

This SmartSocial.com safety guide will **help parents decide** if their children should use TikTok. Parents and educators will also **learn how to make the app safer** for children who are already on it.

What is the TikTok app?

TikTok is a social media app that allows users to watch and create videos that are 15 to 60 seconds for **CHILDREN OVER 13YEARS OLD ONLY**.

The app was formerly known as **Musical.ly**

Lip-syncing, dancing, and acting out comedy sketches are some of the most popular types of videos on TikTok

Built-in editing tools make it easy for users to add filters, songs, effects, and sound bites to their videos without any additional apps

The app boasts an “endless stream” of content for users to watch, which can promote addictive behaviour in children

The app offers **Direct Messages**. **The feature is automatically disabled for younger users (effective April 30, 2020)**

TikTok app dangers

Unfortunately there are many reports showcasing the [negative impact of TikTok on teens](#) – from predator concerns to collecting data on minors without parental consent.

We want parents to be informed before they give their student access to this app.

Child predators are on the app

How to make a TikTok account private:

- Go to your **Profile** tab
- Tap the **Settings** icon in the top right corner
- Tap **Privacy and Safety**
- Turn on **Private** account

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Even on a private account, profile information (including profile photo, username, and bio) will be visible to all users

Parents must create their own TikTok account to use TikTok's Family Pairing

- Once your (parent) TikTok account is set up, **you must link it to your child's account:**
- Open TikTok on your student's phone and click the profile icon in the bottom right. Click the menu button in the top right corner. Scroll down to select Digital Wellbeing. Click **Family Pairing** and select the Teen button
- Open TikTok on your phone and go to the same screen. Click on Parent
- Use your teen's phone to scan the QR code on your device
- Go to the next screen and click Link Accounts

TikTok's Family Pairing feature controls include:

Screen Time Management: Parents can set limits for how long students can spend on TikTok each day. Students can also watch short videos, that appear in the app, to encourage them to balance their screen time with [offline activities](#)

- **Restricted Mode:** Parents can filter mature content. The settings can be locked with a password

Direct Messages: Parents can turn off direct messaging completely or limit who their students can message. The Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16 is automatically disabled (effective April 30, 2020)

What else can parents do?

Learn how to block individual users, report physical danger.

- Before giving your child access to TikTok, **download it**, spend some time using it, then determine if it's safe for your family
- Teach your children to come talk to you, or a trusted adult, if they are ever contacted by a stranger on social media. Remind them to never respond to a stranger's message, befriend them, or share personal info
- Ensure that your student is only TikTok friends with people they know in real life (and can verify they are actually who they say they are on social media)
- Remind your children that their online activity, even under a fake username, can impact their reputation

Conclusion

- Teens can have a ton of fun expressing their creativity on TikTok. The videos your kids are watching or creating might be harmless, but due to widely reported safety and security [dangers](#), it's important for parents to be aware of exactly what their kids are doing on TikTok.