

Dear Parent/Carer,

In recent weeks there has been an increase in the number of issues in relation to TikTok. TikTok trends and challenges are a popular part of the app that change often. Users can re-create content from dance challenges and videos that link to current events. While many are harmless and fun, there are others that need to be monitored closely.

Many schools across the country have seen a rise in these challenges that particularly target schools. Our school takes these issues very seriously and will take action against anyone found with an account of this nature.

We would like to remind you that 13 is the minimum age to set up an account according to TikTok's terms and conditions. To help support, TikTok have introduced new safety features that include the features below.

- Accounts for children between ages 13-15 will not receive push notifications after 9 p.m.
- For teenagers between ages 16-17, push notifications will be disabled after 10 p.m.
- Users between the ages 16 and 17 must actively switch their settings to enable direct messaging. Those under 16 don't have access to direct messages.
- Users under age 16 who are trying to publish their first video will get a pop-up message to help them better understand their privacy options. They won't be able to publish the video without selecting who will be allowed to see it.

Please find further information here - <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

