



## E-Safety Newsletter.

### TIK TOK.



#### **What is TikTok?**

TikTok is a social network for sharing user-generated videos, mostly of people lip-synching to popular songs. It was originally called musical.ly (pronounced MU-zik-lee). Users can create and upload their own videos where they lip-synch, sing, dance, or just talk. You can also browse and interact with other users' content, which covers a wide range of topics, songs, and styles. These videos can be grouped by hashtags, which often correspond to challenges or memes

#### **What age is TikTok recommended for?**

Common Sense recommends the app for age 16+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app.

#### **How can you make your TikTok account private?**

To make your TikTok account private, go to your profile page and select the three-dot icon in the top-right corner. Select Privacy and Safety. There, toggle the switch for "Private Account." You can also select who can send you comments and direct messages, and who can do a duet with you. Using the "Friends" setting or turning those features off completely limits contact with strangers.

#### **How can I monitor my kid's activity on TikTok?**

Other than Restricted Mode, there's no way to filter out content on TikTok, so parents are encouraged to share an account with kids under the age of 13. This will let you keep an eye on what your kid is viewing and posting.

For further information:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

### **E-Safety week in school!**

Before half term we had a whole week of E-Safety work in school which corresponded with Safer Internet Day 2020. The theme this year was #freetobe. We looked at online identity and about having appropriate user names that do not give away too much information about ourselves. We considered Trolling/online bullying. All pupils know that this is wrong and reported that they would tell an adult or report to an administrator.

Pupils also completed an exercise where they took on the role of a boss and looked at potential employees online profiles. They discussed who they would employ and why. All pupils worked well on this and employed the same person!

### **Welcome to Best Futures' first E-Safety newsletter.**

The world of online safety is constantly evolving. Best Future's E-safety newsletter will help parents to keep current with changes, helping you to help keep your children safe.

**74% of 8-11 year olds spent around 10 hours a week playing games.**

**93% go online, for around 13 ½ hours a week (OFCOM)**

### **Student voice – Oak Class.**

**TikTok** is an app that you can make your own TikToks (videos) and you can sign up to like and follow them. You still can watch the videos you don't need to sign up or log in you can watch them whenever and it needs WiFi.

### **Roblox tips on how to stay safe:**

- Never add strangers
- Block chat
- Don't talk to strangers
- Have appropriate user name
- Don't give any personal information away
- Report inappropriate behaviour and language

### **Roblox guide.**

Attached to the newsletter is a parent's guide to Roblox and how your kids can play it safely.

### **Useful links for parents:**

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

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