

Ashgrove Primary School

ICT & Online Safety Newsletter



WELCOME TO OUR ICT NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the first edition of our ICT Newsletter!
We plan to keep our Ashgrove community up to date with ICT Safety & innovations with a Newsletter every 8 weeks.

TIKTOK

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT, THEMES AND CHALLENGES ON TIKTOK

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on TikTok, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing and to ensure they know not to try challenges they see online.

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FAMILY PAIRING

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management.

You can find out more here:
<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

BULLYING ON TIKTOK

This article makes suggestions on appropriate settings as well as how to deal with bullying:
<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/bullying-prevention/>

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TECH TIPS LIVE WITH PARENT ZONE

You can watch back this 13-minute broadcast from Parent Zone (originally broadcast Jan 2023) which discusses what you need to know if your child is using TikTok. It's an excellent overview including how algorithms work on social media.

You can access it here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live>

HANNI AND THE MAGIC WINDOW

Childnet have published a new book titled 'Hanni and the Magic Window'. Aimed at children aged 3-7, the story is about speaking out and getting help if something goes wrong online. It is a terrific book to read at home with your child.

[Click here to download a copy...](#)

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BLOCKING AND REPORTING

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