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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Krishna Avanti. We have robust security measures in place in school, which are monitored both internally and externally, to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable material. Online Safety is taught to all pupils explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online.

It is come to our attention that a minority of children in KS2 are using social media platforms that have an age restriction. We have recently had some concerns around our children using an app called TikToK outside of school. TikTok is a video-sharing app. Users can upload and share short videos of themselves lip-syncing to songs or acting out comedy sketches. They can gain followers ('fans') and browse other people's videos. The age recommendation is 13+.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

In order to protect children online, it is vital that we fully understand the capabilities and make informed decisions about new games, apps and devices, before providing them to children. The website below can support you in making informed choices on how you and your family can use the internet safely.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=e9ea1fa21d-TUK ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME 19 05 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-e9ea1fa21d-64875569](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=e9ea1fa21d-TUK%20ONLINE%20SAFETY%20AT%20HOME%2019%2005%2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-e9ea1fa21d-64875569)

Below are a few online safety websites that you can explore with your children and spend some time discussing:

Key Stage 1:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/hectorsworld/

Key Stage 2:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13908828>
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>





We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with parents to ensure the Online Safety message is consistent. It is important that parents speak to their children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online.

It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe use is essential. CEOP (The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) delivers a multi-agency service dedicated to tackling the abuse and exploitation of children in the real and 'e' world. Often it is referred to as an online 999. By clicking on the button, young people and parents can get advice on a range of issues such as viruses, hacking and dealing with bullying online.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

The internet can be a wonderful place and we believe it can be of great benefit to our pupils. Our highest priority is ensuring that children remain safe whilst online and ensuring they know what action to take should they come across anything that is inappropriate or causes them distress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Management team.

Yours sincerely

Senior Management Team

