



**Kingswood, Ulcombe C of E,
Leeds and Broomfield C of E
and Platts Heath Primary
Schools' Federation**

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Dear Parents/guardians,

I am writing to you today to support you in keeping your children safe online. Life online is a big adventure for children and becomes more so every year. Many of the children across the federation use apps such as Tik Tok, Roblox, game online and use chat facilities such as twitter and Whats app.

Most of the time these apps are safe and the children enjoy playing on them and chatting to their friends. However sometimes video's, pictures get posted on these sites which can be upsetting and disturbing for the children. We have been made aware of such a situation with the app Tik Tok- please make sure your children are supervised when using the internet.

At school we have open chats with the children weekly about what app's they are playing and who they talk to online. This is the same advice I would like to share with you.

- Find a good time and place

Listen, Don't judge, Learn.....

- Where do they go online?
- What do they like?
- What don't they like?
- Make sure they know they can come to you

At school we share with the children what to do if they do see something that makes them scared, worried or upset.

- Talk to your child about their life online
- Make sure your child knows they can always come to you for help and they won't be blamed
- Don't threaten to ban technology

You could set up these things on phones, tablets and computers at home

- Create a home agreement and regularly review

- Primary aged children should only be live streaming and gaming in public rooms such as a lounge.
- Use parental controls / filters
- If you are worried as a parent speak to your Head of School in the first instance.
- You can also contact CEOP (online police)

All of the above advice comes from www.thinkuknow.co.uk If you google this address there is excellent information for parents about how to keep your family safe online.

If you need any more support or advice then please do contact your head of school or myself at fsteer@aspirekent.org.uk.

Take Care and Keep Safe

Mrs F Steer

Head of School

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