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## **Roblox and other social media concerns**

It has been brought to my attention by a parent that some children in the local area are becoming upset when using Roblox as people on the platform are messaging them saying inappropriate things. Whilst I am not aware of this happening to children at Sandhill, I feel it is important to inform you that this is happening to children of a similar age to our pupils. These range from telling the person they know their name and address to saying that they are inside of their computer. This has caused children to become scared to go on the program with parents feeling the only way to solve the problem is to delete the account for their child.

I am writing this letter today to ask you to be mindful of the potential risks that children face by playing on various platforms such as Roblox, TikTok and other social media.

Attached in this letter are fliers regarding how to manage parental settings for TikTok, conversation starters that parents can have around internet safety and tips for parents about supporting their children to use social media and the internet appropriately.

If you have any questions regarding social media, please do not hesitate to get in contact with school.

Thank you for your support with this.

James Haywood

Head of School



## Conversation starters



Safer Internet Day 2022 is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about life online, and especially this year's theme, **'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.'**

Use the questions below to help start discussions about how we can all use the internet safely, respectfully, responsibly, and positively when gaming and spending time online.

### Start the conversation on a positive note:

- 🗋 What do you like most about the internet and why?
- 🗋 How do you have fun using the internet and technology?
- 🗋 What's your favourite game, app or website?
- 🗋 How does going online make you feel?
- 🗋 How does the internet and technology make your life better?
- 🗋 Do you most enjoy going online alone, or with other people?



### Talk about relationships and communicating online:

- 🗋 Who do you communicate with online? What different methods do you use to communicate online? (E.g. in-game chat, video calls, group chats, etc.)
- 🗋 What is good about communicating online?
- 🗋 What can be challenging about communicating online?
- 🗋 What is different about talking to someone online compared to talking face to face?
- 🗋 How much can you trust people you only know online?
- 🗋 What do you and your friends do to keep yourselves safe and happy, when you are chatting and communicating online?

Conversation starters

PARENTS  
AND CARERS

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[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)



### Talk about respect online:

- Ⓜ What does respect mean to you? What does it look like online?
- Ⓜ What does disrespect look like online?
- Ⓜ What makes a good friend online?
- Ⓜ What can you do if you fall out with a friend online?
- Ⓜ Do people disagree more online or offline? Why do you think that is?
- Ⓜ What could you do if someone you were talking to online was unkind to you, or made you feel worried, upset, or uncomfortable?



### Talk about looking after yourself and others online:

- Ⓜ How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- Ⓜ Do you know where to go for help and where to find the safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- Ⓜ What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- Ⓜ What could you do if you saw that a friend online needed some help or support?





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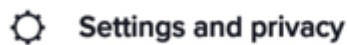
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## How to access 'family friendly' settings on TikTok.

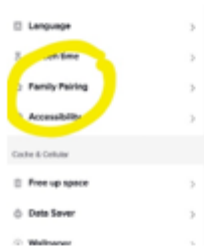
1. Go to your child's profile page and select the 3 horizontal lines in the top right-hand corner.



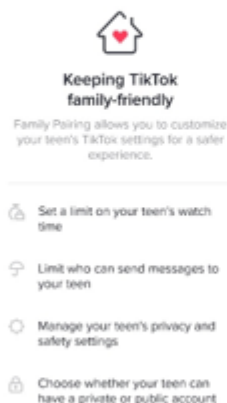
2. Select 'settings and privacy'



3. Select 'family pairing'



4. Follow instructions to set safe controls on your child profile.





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## SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – INTERNET SAFETY

**Is your child using social media? Did you know that most platforms require users to be age 13+. Does your child have the social and emotional skills to manage an online profile? To help decide if your child is ready for social media, use the link below.**  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

**Talk to your child about what they can do if anything on social media makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. Make sure they know they can always talk to you.**

**Talk to your child about social media. Ask them who their favourite TikTok creator is, how many followers do they have? What's their favourite app? For more conversation starters use the link below**  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/home-activity-worksheets>

**Check privacy and security settings! Talk about why this is important!**

**SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT**

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

- ★ Talk to your child about what they share online. Explain what is ok to share and what shouldn't be shared. Talk about who they are sharing with.
- ★ Set up privacy settings, look through each app together. If you need support with this you can visit [Internet Matters social media privacy guide](https://www.internetmatters.org/social-media-privacy-guide) online.
- ★ Be a good role model. What you do on social media matters. Ask your child's permission before you post pictures of them.
- ★ Remind your child they can talk to you about anything worrying or uncomfortable they see online.
- ★ Agree an appropriate amount of time to spend online. Spending long periods of time online can have a negative effect on mental health.

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**THINK U KNOW**

**internet matters.org**

**Where can children and young people find support?**

If in immediate danger: **Call the police on 999**

Report online sexual abuse and grooming:  
[www.nspcc.gov.uk/safety-centre](https://www.nspcc.gov.uk/safety-centre)

Being bullied or in need of someone to talk to:  
**Call Childline on 0800 1111**

Help to remove a nasty image or video of themselves online:  
[www.childline.org.uk/remove](https://www.childline.org.uk/remove)

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