



Birds Bush School

E-Safety Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Autumn E-Safety newsletter. No doubt many of our children will be receiving smartphones/tablets and various other electronic devices for Christmas this year. These are all very enjoyable to use, so to get the best out of these devices it's important to draw your attention to some of the Apps with risks attached, and how to keep your children safe online

Tik Tok



Tik Tok is a mobile app allows users to watch musical clips, shoot short clips as long as 60 seconds, edit them, and add special effects to them. Formerly a Chinese social media music site, it has taken over from Musical.ly so if your child had a Musical.ly account, they have now automatically have a Tik Tok account.

Although the app age limits are set at 13, experts have warned that it is not suitable for anyone under 16.

Unfortunately, TikTok is the app only has two privacy settings, either private or completely public. There is no middle ground like other social media platforms that allow you to share only with your



CEOP

The CEOP button is there to keep children safe from grooming and sexual abuse online. If your child receives any inappropriate messages or anyone asks them to do something they are uncomfortable with, these actions can be reported at the click of a button. For more information look up <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/Should-I-make-a-report-to-CEOP-YP/>

Did you know...

- 1 in 3 internet users are children
- Almost 1 in 4 of 8 to 11-year-olds and 3 in 4 of 12 to 15-year-olds has a social media profile
- 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site.
- Around 1 in 8 young people have been bullied on social media
- There were over 2,200 counselling sessions with young people who talked in Childline about online sexual abuse online in 2017/18

Yubo (formerly Yellow)

Yubo, which changed its name from Yellow last year, has been described as 'Tinder for kids', even using the swipe left/right to accept or reject friend requests.



It has many features for children to access such as the ability to create live video rooms with several friends and an unlimited number of watchers. Through their settings users can manage how much of their location they share to find other users around the world: 'My country first' 'All around the world' 'My country only'. Once this has been set users can discover other people profiles on the app.

Worryingly, users can live stream in real time through the app. Anyone on Yubo will be able to see their live broadcast and send messages. The user streaming the video can then choose



Periscope

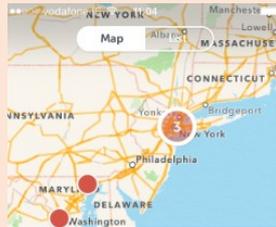
[Periscope](#) is an app that lets you share and experience live video streams direct from your smartphone or tablet. It can be used to capture anything from the atmosphere among fans at an important match, to experience what it's like to walk down the streets of a town or city.

App Features:

Live streaming: The premise of the app is that it allows you to live stream video, direct from your phone or tablet.

Interactive viewing experience: Aside from just watching video streams, Periscope allows for real time interaction. Viewers can “heart” the streams they like and can interact with the person streaming the video through the comments/chat function.

Map View: You can explore the videos being broadcast in different parts of the world through the interactive map feature. This allows you to search for videos by location and find streams of particular events taking place.



Users must be 13 and over in order to create a periscope account, and unless care is taken, all activity is public. All profile information (name, username, Twitter handle, biography, profile picture, people you follow, followers and number of ‘hearts’ received) is available for anyone to see. Specific location is not automatically public.

Due to the live nature of broadcasts it can be difficult to avoid at least some abusive or upsetting comments. Some of the notorious Twitter trolls seem to target certain live streams with provocative and harassing messages.

Recent updates to the app make it easier to manage privacy and report any abusive/inappropriate comments. The new ‘follower only’ mode allows comments only from people *you* follow, this needs to be selected in the settings. Users now also have the option to block other users by simply tapping on a users’ comment and selecting the block option.

A tip for setting up usernames, handles and email addresses:

If your child is setting up their own username for a game or app this Christmas, it isn't wise for them use their full names. When your child does so, also discourage them from referring to themselves as cute, naughty, cheeky as this can cause unwanted attention.

How to Keep your child safe:

Help your kids stay safe online.
Work as a **TEAM**



Talk about staying safe online.

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Explore their online world together.

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Agree rules about what's ok and what's not.

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Manage your family's settings and controls

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