

## Parkroyal Community School

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Dear parents and carers

## Inappropriate use of age restricted online apps

There have been several incidents reported to us of the inappropriate use of TikTok and other social media apps, by pupils at home, which we have had to deal with in school over the past few weeks.

As we reminded you last week, there are age restrictions on specific apps and these are in place for a reason. If your child is using TikTok or any other app and they are below the recommended age limit, you are responsible as their parent/carer for any content posted by them. Any inappropriate content reported could lead to prosecution therefore it is imperative that if you are allowing them to use any age restricted apps, that you closely monitor their use and ensure the correct safety settings are in place. We may have no choice other than to report any inappropriate content your child has posted. If any incidents reported to us involve safeguarding concerns, we have a duty to follow our safeguarding procedures, which may include contact with children's social care.

The children are regularly spoken to in school regarding safe use of the internet and our <u>school</u> <u>website</u> offers advice on online safety. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child remains safe online whilst in your care and to help reduce the time we are having to take in school to deal with incidents that are happening outside of school; it is taking us away from working on the current teaching and learning in school, which you will agree is important in normal times but even more so after the pupils have experienced a significant time away from school.

Kind regards

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