

## E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER: October 2020

Welcome to the January issue of our e-safety newsletter. In addition to our weekly ICT lessons, we wish to highlight relevant areas of online safety to support parents and children in essential digital skills.

### Actions for Parents

Digital Parenting Week is all about celebrating parents and the hard work they do. It takes place from 26-30 October.

Register to show your support, download a free resources pack and find out about Ollee – the new app for parents and children which launches during Digital Parenting Week.

All the resources can be found here: [Digital Parenting Week](#)

### TikTok app safety – What parents need to know

13 is the minimum age according to TikTok's terms and conditions, however it has been brought to my attention that it is becoming increasingly used by children at Hopelands.

TikTok is a social media app that gives users the opportunity to share 60 second short videos with friends, family or the entire world. Like Twitter-owned Vine and Musical.ly before it, videos shared range from funny sketches to lip-sync videos featuring special effects. Currently, the app is available in 75 languages with 1 billion active users (December 2019). Like Musical.ly before it, it is most popular with under 16s. It has also now become the most downloaded app of 2019.

**Access the safety article here – I encourage all parents to read this:** [TikTok App Safety](#)

### Top Tips: Security

When you stop using a social networking profile or website, it is a good idea to deactivate or delete your account. This will mean that your content is no longer visible online and should not be searchable. It will also remove the risk of these accounts being hacked without you knowing or being used by others. This blog gives site specific guidance about how to deactivate or delete your accounts, and what these options mean: [Delete or Deactivate Blog](#)

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