



# Beaconside Primary & Nursery School

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear parents/carers

One of the school priorities this year is to strengthen our approach to e-safety. Technology and social media develops at such a pace that it is hard to keep up and ensure the safety of our children. Our aim is to not only develop our curriculum so that it meets the needs of pupils, in terms of staying safe on-line, but to work with parents to ensure they can also support their children with this. One thing I have learned through my role as safeguarding officer is that it does happen to children like ours and we need to know more about the world our child immerse themselves in.

As part of our commitment to this, we will share any e-safety related news and useful links with parents, along with a guide to e-safety (Spring Term); we will also be holding a parent information session on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The session will run from 9.30 – 10.30 then be repeated at 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Further information will follow nearer the time.

Technology is the future for our children and social media is a big part of that. Our role is to teach them how to use it appropriately and stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Hadley  
Headteacher

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## E-Safety Update

### **Musical.ly has a new name - TikTok**

The social network app Musical.ly has often given adults cause for concern, because of the way that children use it to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. The app has a new name and new features, and now includes live streaming. Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it, and the content may not be suitable.

Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content you post can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also a Restricted Mode which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams.

You can find out more here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app>



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