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Annwyl Riant,

Ynghlwm mae llythyr gan Bennaeth Ysgolion Gwynedd am gamddefnydd a pheryglon ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol. Mae'r llythyr wedi ei anfon yn dilyn sylwadau enllibus, personol ac annifyr sydd wedi cael eu gwneud am nifer o ysgolion Uwchradd Gwynedd, gan gynnwys y Moelwyn, gan ddisgyblion ar app Tik Tok yn ystod y dyddiau diwethaf.

Rwyf yn ategu neges y pennaeth ysgolion ac yn gofyn i chi drafod cynnwys ei lythyr hefo eich plentyn. Rwyf hefyd yn cynnwys gwybodaeth bellach am nifer o appiau fydd o ddefnydd i chi fel rhiant ac o gymorth i chi sylweddoli risgiau rhai appiau yn arbennig.

Rydym eisoes, fel y byddech yn disgwyl, wedi cysylltu hefo'r heddlu am y mater hwn. Ein dymuniad pendant ydy osgoi y math yma o ddigwyddiadau fydd yn arwain at weithredu gan yr heddlu ac i ni ddefnyddio sancsiynau megis ataliadau.

Diolchaf ymlaen llaw am eich cefnogaeth yn y mater pwysig hwn.

Yn gywir iawn,

Dewi Lake

Dear Parent,

Please find attached a letter from the Head of Gwynedd schools regarding the misuse and dangers of social media. This letter is being sent to you following a spate of libellous, personal and unpleasant comments which have been made about a number of Gwynedd secondary schools, including Ysgol y Moelwyn, by pupils on Tik Tok, during the last few days.

I support the comments made by the head of Gwynedd schools and I request that you discuss his letter with your child. I also enclose additional information regarding a number of apps which I hope will be useful for you as a parent and help you to be aware of the risks involved with some apps in particular.

As you would expect, we have already contacted the police regarding these matters. Our wish as a school is to see an end to these libellous comments which will lead to actions by the police and using our own sanctions such as suspensions.

I thank you in anticipation of your support with this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dewi Lake

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Annwyl Rieni/Ofalwyr

Mae wedi dod i'n sylw bod rhai disgyblion yn ein hysgolion uwchradd wedi bod yn gwneud ffilmiau byr ac yn eu huwchlwytho ar wefan Tik Tok tra yn yr ysgol. Atgoffir nad yw disgyblion yn cael ffilmio ar eiddo ysgol heb ganiatâd. Mae'r Awdurdod Lleol wedi gofyn i ysgolion atgoffa disgyblion na chaniateir iddynt uwchlwytho ffilmiau byr anawdurdodedig yn enw eu hysgol.

Ym mhob achos, rydym wedi gofyn i ysgolion ystyried sancsiynau priodol ar gyfer y disgyblion hynny sydd wedi ffilmio ac uwchlwytho deunydd amhriodol sy'n cynnwys staff ysgolion a disgyblion tra ar eiddo ysgol. Mae sancsiynau posib yn cynnwys gwaharddiad allanol a gallant gynnwys Heddlu Gogledd Cymru mewn sefyllfaoedd eithafol.

Gofynnwn yn garedig i rieni a gofalwyr drafod y mater hwn â'u plant a phwysleisio'r neges hon. Gwiriwch gyfrifon ffonau symudol/cyfryngau cymdeithasol eich plant i sicrhau bod unrhyw fideos perthnasol wedi'u dileu. Bydd ysgolion yn parhau i fonitro cyfryngau cymdeithasol, gan gynnwys Tik Tok, dros yr ychydig ddyddiau ac wythnosau nesaf ac yn cymryd y camau angenrheidiol.

Mae cymunedau cyfan yn wynebu heriau sylweddol ar hyn o bryd, ac rwy'n siŵr y byddwch chi i gyd yn gwerthfawrogi ac yn cefnogi ein hysgolion i hyrwyddo parch a charedigrwydd wrth inni wynebu'r heriau hyn gyda'n gilydd.

Diolch yn fawr am eich cefnogaeth barhaus.

Yn gywir

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Dear Parents/Guardians

It has come to our attention that some pupils in our secondary schools have been making short films and uploading them on the Tik Tok website whilst in school. Please be reminded that pupils are not permitted to film on school property without permission. The Local authority has asked schools to remind pupils that they are not allowed to upload unauthorised short films in the name of their school.

In all cases, we have asked schools to consider appropriate sanctions for those pupils who have filmed and uploaded inappropriate material involving school staff and pupils whilst on school property. Possible sanctions include external exclusion and may in extreme situations involve North Wales Police.

We ask kindly that parents and guardians discuss this issue with their children and emphasise this message. Please check your children's mobile phones/social media accounts to ensure any relevant videos have been deleted. Schools will continue to monitor social media, including Tik Tok, over the next few days and weeks and take the necessary action.

Communities as a whole are facing significant challenges at this moment, and I'm sure you'll all appreciate and support our schools in promoting respect and kindness as we face these challenges together.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Gareth Jackson
Head of Education

Diogelwch plant ar TikTok



Ap rhannu fideos ydi TikTok. Gall defnyddwyr lwytho a rhannu fideos byr ohonynt yn mudganu neu'n actio sgetsys comedi, ac yna ychwanegu effeithiau arbennig. Gallant ennyn dilynwyr ('cefnogwyr') a phori drwy fideos pobl eraill.

13 a hŷn ydi'r oedran a argymhellir. Serch hynny nid oes rhaid i chi brofi eich oedran wrth greu cyfrif, felly gall plant iau ei ddefnyddio'n hawdd. Mae fwyaf poblogaidd ymysg y rhai o dan 16 oed.

Beth yw'r pryderon:

Mae'n bosibl eich bod wedi gweld adroddiadau newyddion neu glywed pryderon am rai defnyddwyr yn rhoi pwysau ar blant i anfon lluniau a fideos noeth. Am beth ddylwn i gadw llygad?

- Proffiliau defnyddwyr sydd yn sôn am 'fasnachu' neu gyfnwid lluniau/fideos
- Defnyddio 'emojis' sy'n cael eu defnyddio'n aml ar gyfer ensyniadau rhywiol (megis planhigyn wy)
- Hashnodau, megis #tradefortrade, sydd yn amlwg yn awgrymu bod y defnyddiwr yn dymuno masnachu cynnwys anghyfreithlon
- Cynnwys y geiriau yn rhai o'r caneuon – mae rhieni wedi mynegi pryderon nad ydynt yn briodol i oedran bob amser

- Ni all defnyddwyr gyfnwid lluniau a fideos drwy negeseuon yn yr ap, ond unwaith y maent wedi cysylltu maent yn symud ymlaen i blatfform arall i fasnachu, megis Snapchat.
- Mae TikTok wedi cymryd camau i gael gwared ar ddefnyddwyr mae'n amau sydd yn gofyn am bethau gan ddefnyddwyr dan oed. Serch hynny, mae yna lawer o broffiliau awgrymog ac mae TikTok wedi ymrwymo i ddyblu'r nifer o gymedrolwyr cynnwys y mae'n eu cyflogi i 10,000, i fynd i'r afael â hyn.

Pa ddewisiadau diogelwch sydd ar gael i rieni?

- Rheoli pwy sydd yn gallu gwyllo fideos eich plentyn
- Gosod cyfrif eich plentyn i 'preifat' er mwyn i'ch plentyn reoli pwy sydd yn gallu gwyllo eu fideos, neu eu cadw'n hollol breifat. Bydd eich plentyn yn gallu cymeradwyo neu wrthod pobl fel 'dilynwyr', a dim ond gan eu dilynwyr y gallant dderbyn negeseuon
- Mae'r cyfrifon yn cael eu gosod i fod yn gyhoeddus yn awtomatig. Gall unrhyw un edrych ar broffiliau cyhoeddus.
- Hyd yn oed gyda chyfrif preifat, gall pob defnyddiwr weld manylion proffil eich plentyn. Sicrhewch nad ydi eich plentyn datgelu gwybodaeth bersonol ar eu proffil cyhoeddus.

Sicrhewch fod eich plentyn yn gwybod sut i adrodd ymddygiad amhriodol.

Gall eich plentyn ddefnyddio'r ap i adrodd cynnwys sydd yn gwneud iddynt deimlo'n anghyfforddus, yn cynnwys cyfrifon, fideos, sylwadau a sgysiau. Gallwch chi hefyd. Mae'r cyfarwyddiadau ar gyfer hyn yma:

<http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/report-inappropriate-content>

Gallwch chi neu'ch plentyn atal 'dilynwyr' ar unrhyw adeg hefyd:

<http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/delete-fans>

Beth arall alla' i ei wneud?

Darllenwch fwy am breifatwydd a diogelwch ar TikTok yn <http://support.tiktok.com/article-categories/privacy-safety>

1. Lawrlwythwch a defnyddiwch yr ap i'ch helpu i'w ddeall
2. Siaradwch gyda'ch plentyn am yr hyn maent yn ei wneud ar-lein, a sicrhewch eu bod yn gwybod y gallant siarad gyda chi am unrhyw beth sy'n peri gofid iddynt.
3. Gwiriwch eich mantolenni banc yn rheolaidd am unrhyw beth sydd wedi'i brynu yn yr ap nad ydych chi'n fodlon ag o, a sicrhewch nad ydi'ch plentyn yn twyllo'r cyfrineiriau rydych wedi'u sefydlu.

Child safety on TikTok



TikTok is a video-sharing app. Users can upload and share short videos of themselves lip-syncing to songs or acting out comedy sketches, and add special effects. They can gain followers ('fans') and browse other people's videos.

The age recommendation is 13 and above. However, you don't have to prove your age when creating an account, so younger children can still use it easily. It's most popular with under-16s.

What are the concerns:

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns about some users harassing children for nude images and videos. What should I look out for?

- User profiles which talk about 'trading' or swapping pictures/videos
- Use of emoji's that are commonly considered to be sexually suggestive (such as the aubergine)
- Hashtags, such as #tradefortrade, which clearly suggest the user is looking to trade illicit content
- The lyrical content of some songs – parents have raised concerns that it's not always age-appropriate.

- Users cannot exchange images and videos via in-app messaging, but once they've made contact they move on to platform to trade, such as Snapchat.
- TikTok has taken steps to remove users who it suspects are soliciting underage users. However, there are still many suggestive profiles and TikTok has committed to almost doubling the number of content moderators it employs to 10,000 to address this.

What safety options are available to parents?

- Control who can view your child's videos
- Set your child's account to 'private' so that your child can control who sees their videos or keep them completely private. Your child will be able to approve or deny people as 'fans', and will only be able to accept messages from followers.
- Accounts are set to 'public' by default. Public profiles can be viewed by anyone.
- Even with a private account, your child's profile information can be seen by all users. Make sure your child doesn't reveal personal information on their public profile.

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour.

Your child can use the app to report content that makes them feel uncomfortable, including accounts, videos, comments and chats. You can too. Instructions for this are here:

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You or your child can also block 'fans' at any time:

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What else can I do?

Read more about privacy and safety on TikTok at

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1. Download and use the app to help you understand it
2. Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that upsets them.
3. Check your bank statements regularly for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up.

<https://www.northwales Safeguarding Board wales/>

FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.



CALCULATOR% is only one of secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.



HOT OR NOT encourages people to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app 'Tinder', however it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use Bumble to create fake accounts and falsify their age.



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.



KIK. allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. Kik gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards Gay, Bi and Transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear. New features including 'stories' allow users to view content for up to 24 hours.



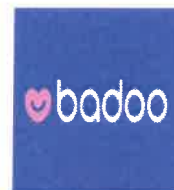
LIVE.ME is a live video streaming app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn 'coins' as a way to 'pay' minors for photos.



MEET.ME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.



HOLLA is a self-proclaimed 'addicting' video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content and more.



BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.



TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to bullying and explicit content.



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, make calls and video chats worldwide. WhatsApp uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.



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- You may have heard of the app by its previous name: Musical.ly. Everything that was on Musical.ly is now on TikTok. If your child previously had a Musical.ly account they will be able to access their content on TikTok.
- The age recommendation is 13 and above. However, you don't have to prove your age when creating an account, so younger children can still use it easily. It's most popular with under-16s.

What are the concerns?

- On the surface, nothing. TikTok has a reputation for being unusually free of trolling and danger. But you may have seen news reports or heard concerns about some users harassing children for nude images and videos.
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Restrict how your child uses the app

- Use TikTok's digital wellbeing feature to control the time your child spends on the app and limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate:
 - Digital wellbeing, TikTok
 - <http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/digital-wellbeing>
- Most devices also allow you to set time limits on game play, set age limits for content, and restrict in-app purchases. Check the user instructions for your child's device.

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