

# Park Infant Academy

## Autumn 1 Newsletter

The children have continued to impress me with their approach to learning throughout the school day. They have been working hard on all our new topics and have been building on prior learning from previous years and topics. RWI has continued in school, please take time to read with your child daily either the book that they are bringing home or the book allocated to them on Oxford Owl. We have started to learn songs for our Harvest Festival and hope that many of you in Year 1 and 2 will be able to join us for this celebration. We will be working on our school council nominations in the coming weeks and will be able to share our new councillors with you. Our staff attended training this week with Simon Ashton for Online safety, we will be using this throughout the rest of the year and look forward to sharing further information with you all. As the weather is turning cooler, please ensure that children are bringing their jumpers, cardigans and coats to school and that everything is named so that there are no lost items. We already have a lot of lost property with much of the uniform unnamed. Please do continue to talk to staff members if you have any questions or concerns. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Powell.



### QUEEN ELIZABETH II

As a school we remembered our late Queen Elizabeth II. We came together as a school during assemblies as well as completing activities in classes. The art work that was created for the railings and a display in our school is something we are very proud of.

### UNIFORM AND PE DAYS

Uniform at KPIA is as follows:

White polo shirt, Grey trousers or skirts, Royal blue cardigans or sweatshirts with white or grey socks and black leather shoes. PE kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms and PE trainers or black pumps. PE kit will remain in school until the end of the term and can then be collected to be washed. Earrings should be removed before coming to school as the children will not be able to take part in PE with earrings in.

Class 1, 2 and 3 have PE on Wednesday, Class 4 on Friday, Class 5 on Thursday, Class 6 on Monday, Class 7 on Friday, Class 8 on Friday and Class 9 on Tuesday.

**Please can we ask that children come into school with their hair tied up and with no jewellery. A small pair of stud earrings can be worn but must be removed on PE or club days.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 7th October	Family Reading begins
Friday 7th October	EYFS Superhero Day
Monday 17th October	Year 2 Trip to Wicksteed Park
Tuesday 18th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 21st October	Close for half term

## OPEN DAYS

We are delighted to offer open days for our new Reception children who will be starting with us in September 2023. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment. The dates are:

Friday 30th September at 10am  
Wednesday 5th October at 10am  
Monday 17th October at 10am  
Thursday 20th October at 1.30pm  
Saturday 5th November at 9am, 9.30am, 10am, 10.30am

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are going to be celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 18th October. If you are able to provide any food donations they would be gratefully received, these will be donated to Homestart Food Bank. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 17th October 2022.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Arriving at school on time every school day is crucial. Children must be brought into school by an adult or sibling who is of secondary school age.

**The attendance target for every child is at least 97%.**

Whole School Attendance: 95.6%

Rainbow Room: 93.6%	Class 1: 100%	Class 2: 100%	Class 3: 100%	Class 4: 95.5%
Class 5: 94.5%	Class 6: 95.3 %	Class 7: 96.6%	Class 8: 96.5%	Class 9: 94.9%

The Attendance newsletter has been sent for all families to read.

**Children in Reception need to be in school by 9am and finish school at 3.10pm. Children in Years 1 & 2 need to be in by 8.50am and finish their school day at 3pm. Children must be collected promptly.**

We will be sending out weekly emails to those parents who's children are late and monthly emails for those who are persistently absent. Please be aware that this is a government requirement but if you have any queries you can contact the office. Please, where possible try and book appointments outside of normal school hours and if you are reporting a child absent please call the office and leave a message before 8.30am. The message left should explain why your child is absent.

## PARKING

As a community we ask that at school drop off and collection times all adults park with extra consideration. We understand that sometimes parking around our school premises can be challenging but we ask that you **DO NOT** park or stop on corners or double yellow lines and do not block the driveways of our residents. The safety of our children and their families is paramount. If you have any issues with parking please mention this to the school office although all official complaints should be directed to the North Northants County Council.

**KPIA SOCIAL MEDIA** We are on Twitter and Instagram: @Ketparkinf.



Jeans for Genes raised a wonderful total of £168.



## ONLINE SAFETY

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to our children and we feel it is important that we work together in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. Please see attached our latest online safety information poster.

You can find online safety posters, video resources and weekly guides covering a wide range of topics by visiting the National Online Safety Information website via Google or the App store.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help them have a safe online experience with their children. Should they feel it is needed, this guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm or young users acting in a sexually suggestive way. The latest volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely and since TikTok launched its introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

### EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may hear older users who are more inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

### TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities. Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were crowned to fame by appearing on TikTok, leading to many more teens attempting to go viral. While most aspiring stars hoping to be the next big thing with fame is difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

### HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but because of its addictive nature, the app's ability to keep users engaged about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute scroll to turn into a 55-minute stay.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media platforms, TikTok can be extremely addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users engaged about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute scroll to turn into a 55-minute stay.

### IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase "TikTok coins", which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 10p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

### MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under-18s' accounts is 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'dual' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

### LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok's digital wellbeing section, under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on this app (in increments ranging from 45 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

### USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'digital wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

### Moderate Screen Time

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it. In the 'digital wellbeing' section, under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on this app (in increments ranging from 45 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

**Meet Our Expert**

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who has worked about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of K&H Clicks, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We will soon be accepting nominations for Class school councilors.

So, if you feel you have great ideas and want to make a difference, please feel free to put your name and ideas forward.

This is an exciting opportunity for children to work with the school and make decisions e.g. charities we will raise money for, supporting school events.



## FAMILY READING

Here at Kettering Park Infant Academy we encourage our children to develop a love of reading from when they very first start with us in Reception. We have introduced Family Reading time into our Friday mornings and we invite parents/carers of all of our children to join us on a Friday morning to come in and read with their child/ren.

Friday Family Reading starts again on Friday 7th October and will continue every Friday morning until the end of term.

You are welcome to come into the school hall or your child's classroom at your child/rens normal drop off time (8.40am and 8.50am) and stay with us until 9am. You may enter the school with your child or through the main office. There will be a member of staff there to greet you. We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

## DOLCE SCHOOL CATERING

From the 31st October we will be changing catering providers to Dolce Schools Catering. If your child is in Reception or KS1, which all of our children are, then you are entitled to Universal Free School meals. This will automatically be set up on your account as free.



If you need to contact Dolce for any advice, suggestions or if you need to pass any information on to them regarding allergies, please contact Dolce Customer Care team, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 01942 707709 or by email to [customer care@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customer care@dolce.co.uk)

## PARENTS EVENING

Parents evenings will be held during the last week of term, on the 17th and 19th October. There will be an information email sent out to you soon which will inform you of what appointments are available with your child's teacher. You will be able to book these appointments through Arbor, but if you are having difficulty doing so please feel free to message the office and we will be able to assist you.

## ADVISORY

Please could we ask that the children **DO NOT**: use or climb on or over the play equipment or play football before or after school times. This is a serious health and safety risk and the responsibility of the parents to watch their children.