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Keep your child safe on TikTok using Safety Settings -

There are six security settings that can help you to keep TikTok safe for your child and prevent them seeing anything that might worry or upset them:

Family Pairing

This allows you to connect your child's account with your own. It gives you access to parental controls to help manage who they can speak to and how long they can spend on the app.

Private Account

Setting your child's account to private means that only approved followers will be able to watch their videos. **13-15 have their accounts set to private by default**

Restricted Mode

This feature helps to filter out videos that may contain inappropriate or adult topics and stop them appearing on your child's 'For You Page'

Comment Filters

Enable to manage who can comment on your child's videos and stop inappropriate comments from appearing on their feed.

Direct Messages

This can help them manage who can contact them privately on the app. You can choose who can send them direct messages by selecting 'Friends'

Daily Screen Time

This setting allows you manage how long your child can spend on the app. You can set a daily time limit, and once it's up you'll need to enter a **passcode to keep using the platform.**

1st March – Users Un 18 Screen Time Restricted to 60 mins a day

How does the TikTok algorithm work?

- The platform uses algorithms to show users different video content based on their interests and other videos they watch. This means that not everyone's 'For You Page' is the same.
- Sometimes platforms also test out different types of content with similar themes to see how we interact, so it knows what to show us in the future.

How to create an account

- Click on the 'person' icon and you can choose to sign up with an email, phone number, or existing Google, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram account.
- Once you have selected an option, you are then asked to enter your date of birth. If it is below the age of 13, the app displays the following message: "Sorry, looks like you're not eligible for TikTok. But thanks for checking us out!"
- Your feed highlights what is going on in your community and a separate 'For you' feed shows tailored recommendations for you.