

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Stanground Family,

As we move further into the term, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Your involvement in your child's education and in our wider school community is truly valued, and it plays an important role in helping us create a positive and enriching environment for all our pupils.

We'd also like to highlight the importance of **regular school attendance**. Every day in school matters, and consistent attendance helps children build strong learning habits, maintain friendships, and make steady academic progress. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child is in school and ready to learn each day.

A few important dates for your diary:

- **Parents' Evening** will be held on **Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October**. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps with their teacher.
- **School will be closed on Friday 24th October** for an **INSET day**, so please make any necessary arrangements in advance.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening and thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Have a restful weekend.

Regards,
Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

We were delighted to celebrate our Harvest Festival with a special service held at school this week. It was a joyful and reflective occasion where children shared heartfelt prayers, sang uplifting songs, and presented beautiful artwork, all expressing gratitude to God for the many blessings in our lives. A huge thank you to all our families for their generous food donations—your kindness and support will make a real difference to those in need within our community.



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Attendance Update

Regular attendance in primary school is essential as it ensures consistent learning, helps children build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, and supports their social and emotional development. It encourages good habits like responsibility and discipline, while also allowing teachers to monitor progress and provide timely support. Frequent attendance also fosters stronger connections between families and schools, reinforcing the value of education from an early age.

Year to date	
Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	89.2%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	97.5%
TOTAL	95.4%

Week to date	
Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	89.7%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	99.3%
TOTAL	96.0%

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	1.2%
Year 1	2.3%
Year 2	1.6%
Year 3	0.4%
Year 4	0.2%
Year 5	1.5%
Year 6	0.2%
TOTAL	1.0%

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	0.7%
Year 1	2.7%
Year 2	2.2%
Year 3	0.8%
Year 4	0.3%
Year 5	2.2%
Year 6	0.4%
TOTAL	1.2%

Well done Year 4! Top effort.

A polite reminder about parking

For the safety of our pupils and the wider community, we kindly ask that families **do not park on the yellow lines** during drop-off and collection times. These areas must remain clear to ensure visibility, safe crossing, and access for emergency vehicles. Maintaining these safety measures also helps us foster **positive relationships with our neighbours**, who are affected by congestion and blocked driveways.

Please use a nearby public parking areas or walk where possible. Your cooperation makes a big difference in keeping our school environment safe and respectful for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

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-syncing 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 teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing 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 view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

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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 abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be 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 intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-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 99p 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 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (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 16s. 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 is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

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 the 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 the app (in increments ranging from 40 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

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