

# Highfields Primary School News

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## Dates and times for events for school week commencing Monday 13th May 2019

### Monday 13th—Thursday 16th

- ◆ KS2 SATs

### Wednesday 15th

- ◆ Last day to order pies (See bulletin for week ending 3rd May 2019 for details)
- ◆ Rec, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5—parent consultation evening from 3.30pm—6.00pm

## Parking

The parking outside of school is yet again becoming a major issue. Inconsiderate parking and illegal parking is putting the children at Highfields in danger. The yellow markings outside of school make it very clear that even stopping to drop your child off outside of the school gates is not acceptable. This is a particular issue when the weather is not so good as we see an increase in people flouting this law. I am sure all of us would rather get a little wet than see a child be injured or killed. The way you park does matter! Make sure that you are parking legally and safely and help us keep the children safe.

M. Wilkes



## Pierced Ears

This is just a reminder that if you wish your child to have their ears pierced that the best time in which to do this would be at the start of the Summer holidays. Having this done any other time of the year impacts on the child as unless they are able to take their earrings out, they are unable to participate in PE lessons. This is in line with Staffordshire County Council policy and advice from the Association of Physical Education (the national body that advise schools on safe practice in PE). Newly pierced ears usually take up to 6 weeks to heal – this would mean missing a huge chunk of their physical education lessons in school which are a crucial part of helping your child develop physically and healthily.

Staff are not allowed to take children's earrings out/put them in or help them to do this – the children must be able to do this independently or not wear earrings to school on PE days.

## Cheeky Monkey



We are now taking bookings for our Summer Club which will be between Monday 22nd and Friday 26th July and Monday 29th July until Friday 2nd August 2019.

Opening hours are from 8am until 5.30pm and charges are £25 per day or £4.50 per hour. Breakfasts along with morning and afternoon drinks and snacks will be provided.

As always we will be offering a wide range of activities. Booking forms can be collected from the setting.

## Hyperlinks:

Please click below to open our dinner menu and Parent Pay.

[Parent Pay](#)

[Menu](#)



# 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.

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.

TikTok is **free to download** on Android and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It carries ads and offers in-app purchases. It has about 150 million active users worldwide and is available in over 30 languages.

## 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.

### What should I look out for?

- User profiles which talk about 'trading' or swapping pictures/videos

- Use of emojis 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 another 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.

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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.

## Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behavior

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:

[Report inappropriate content, TikTok](#)

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

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

[Delete fans, TikTok](#)

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

## What else can I do?

### Further tips

Read more about privacy and safety on TikTok at <http://support.tiktok.com/article-categories/privacy-safety>

Download and use the app to help you understand it

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

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

Instructions for this are here:

[Setting up a private account, TikTok](#)

<http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/setting-up-a-private-account>

### Remember:

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

## More sources of support

Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/)

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The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has advice and [resources for parents on online safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

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The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents on setting up parental controls, privacy settings, etc. Call the free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [book an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an 'O2 Guru' in an O2 store

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# Picture News

at Home

13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

What's going on this week?



13th-19th May

## Should McDonald's have banned plastic straws?

McDonald's is being called on to stop its introduction of paper straws in the UK, amidst claims that they dissolve in drinks. The restaurant is switching from plastic to paper straws at all of their 1,361 restaurants after customer pressure. An online petition calling for a return to plastic straws has so far gathered more than 40,000 signatures. McDonald's have said they are "doing the right thing" while some customers feel that their needs should be considered.

*Things to talk about at home...*

- 🌱 Do you think people should be complaining about the paper straws not being as good as the plastic ones? Why?
- 🌱 Can you think of any everyday items that we throwaway when perhaps they could be reused?