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## **E-SAFETY**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to remind parents that the following Apps have age-restrictions:

WhatsApp – 16+

Instagram – 13+

Tik Tok (previously called 'Musical.ly') – 13+

The main reason for the age-restrictions is that all of these Apps are open to misuse by people who want to make contact with children.

Some of the children at Bickley are using these Apps and have encountered unwanted interest from other users. Some children and parents are under the impression that locking their profile protects them from potential harm. However, a locked down profile can be screen shot and shared.

**Please can you make sure you are aware of which Apps your children are using and monitor their use.**

The following link takes you to some really helpful parent guides:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

**I would also like to remind you of an E-Safety meeting we have for parents on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm. This is being led by ChildNET and is an opportunity for parents to hear about current issues regarding E-Safety, and ways that parents can try to keep their children safe online. We are hoping that parents attend this very important meeting.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Blake'.

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