

Focus on 'TikTok'



TikTok is a global video community powered by music. Whether it's dance, or free-style performance, creators are encouraged to let their imagination run wild.



TikTok has an age rating of 12+



There is an option to purchase TikTok coins 'in-app' - the coins enable people to purchase enhanced reaction emoji's to share with friends or content they like - there is an option to disable 'in-app' purchases



TikTok can be highly addictive



TikTok has over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide which means it is very difficult to monitor any inappropriate content posted.



Young people often post videos of online 'challenges' - most of which are fun, but young people have to consider that some may be harmful, inappropriate or even criminal

TikTok can be used as a platform for grooming, due to the high level of interaction and due to the fact it is so popular amongst young people



Set time limits for usage



Discuss with your child what constitutes safe and unsafe 'challenges' & and ask them to always consider 'Is it worth it'



If your child is going to post 'live' content then discuss their environment and consider what information they may be giving away in the background of their film about themselves, your home or others



Check out TikTok yourself to gain a better understanding of how it works

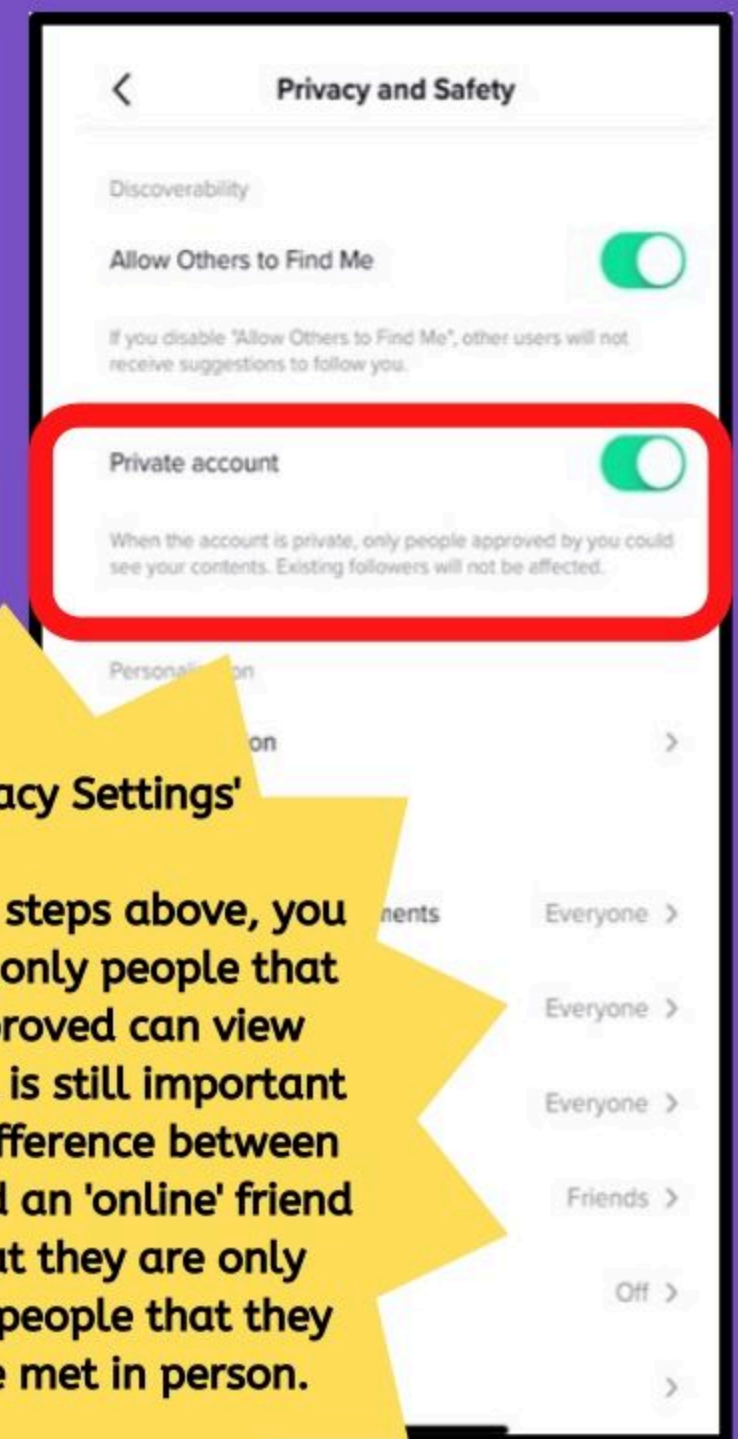
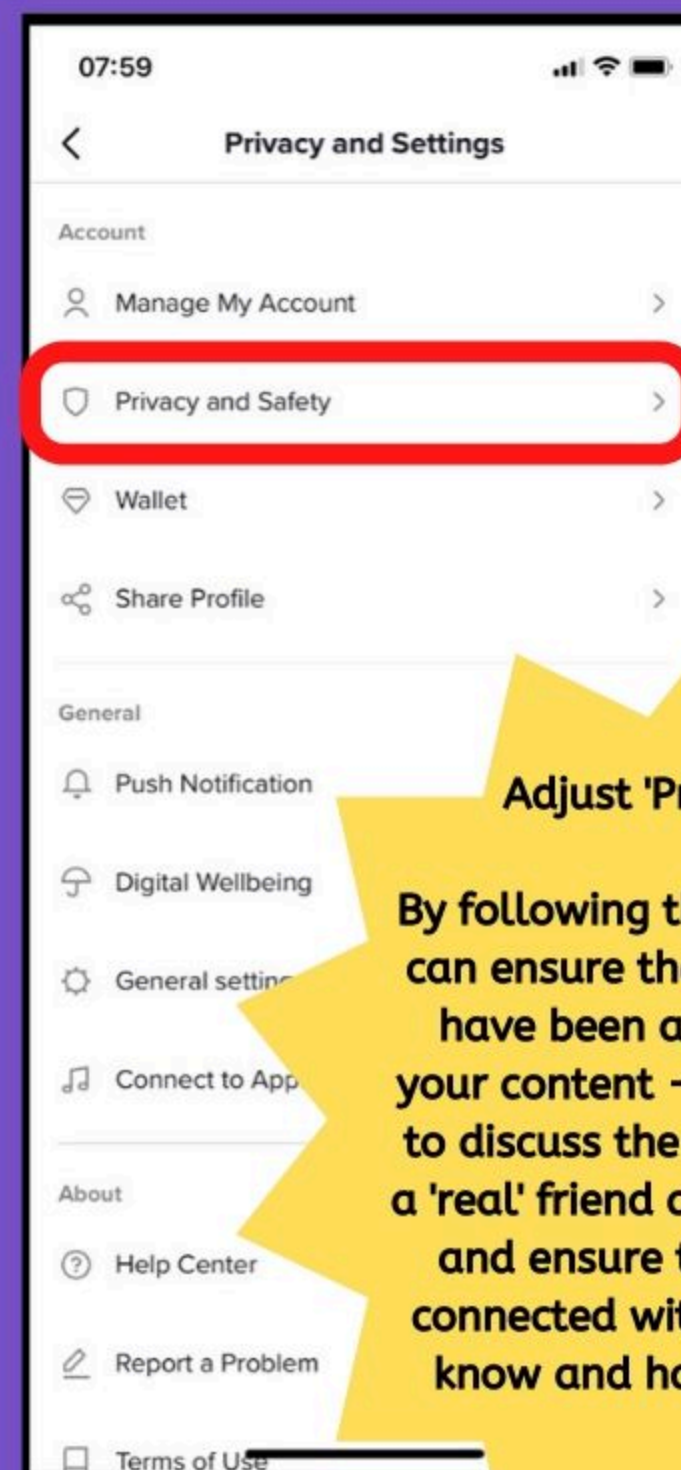


Check that there are no bankcards linked to the TikTok account to avoid unwanted spending



Adjust 'Privacy Settings'

By following the steps above, you can ensure that only people that have been approved can view your content - it is still important to discuss the difference between a 'real' friend and an 'online' friend and ensure that they are only connected with people that they know and have met in person.



Check out TikTok 'Family Safety mode' which allows you to connect to your child's TikTok account and check privacy settings, direct message and monitor your child's use, including setting up timelimits. This feature is new for 2020!

More information can be found by visiting:

www.tiktok.com/en