

# Queen Elizabeth High School



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Dear parents and carers

Some of you may be aware of the creation of several Tik-Tok accounts using the QEHS name and logo. These accounts, created by a pupil or several pupils have been reported to the safer internet organisation who assist schools in removing unauthorised content. These accounts are in the process of being removed but this can take time. Some have already been deleted.

Pupils have had assemblies in school yesterday and today to reiterate the need for the accounts to be deleted and how other pupils should not follow or like the content, as this only legitimises the accounts. The content has referenced individuals, with the aim of embarrassing or humiliating them – and therefore is considered online-bullying – disguised or hiding behind 'banter'.

Should the accounts not be deleted or continue to name individuals they will be reported to the police.

Pupils were reminded of the permanent presence of their digital footprint and the impact this can have on future college and university places as well as with future employers. Actively participating in online harassment, or even liking or commenting on such posts can have negative consequences for pupils' futures.

We will continue to teach pupils about their digital responsibility in IT lessons and in PSHE.

Parental support can help by –

- Talking to your children about responsible use of social media
- Following the age restrictions for each site e.g. nobody under 13yrs should have a Tik-Tok account
- Regularly check your child's phone or set up family pairing
- Recognise if you pay the bill / have the contract in your name – you are also responsible for the content created or posted from that device
- Report worrying content to the individual social media company

As parents/carers, your guidance and supervision play a crucial role in helping children develop safe online habits. I urge you to have open and honest conversations with your children about the importance of privacy settings, the risks of sharing personal information online, and the significance of treating others with respect in the digital space. Furthermore, monitoring your child's TikTok usage and setting boundaries around screen time can help create a safe online environment for them to enjoy responsibly.



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At school, we are committed to educating our pupils about online safety through workshops, presentations, and discussions. However, we also rely on your support in reinforcing these lessons at home.

You can also email any concerns about online content with school at [onlinesafety@tcat.school](mailto:onlinesafety@tcat.school)

Your continued support for QEHS is much appreciated.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Seneque'.

Mr. S. Seneque  
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