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Dear Parent

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

TIKTOK

We have been alerted to the fact that a graphic video is circulating on TIKTOK. The site has advised that young people do not use TIKTOK until the site has managed to delete the video completely. Can I remind parents that the minimum age for TIKTOK is 13 years.

OnlyFans

OnlyFans is a social media site where users can upload videos and people can pay the creator to watch them. During lockdown signups grew rapidly. In particular, it became a 'go to' site for sex workers, unable to see clients physically, to upload explicit content.

Terms of use say that users must be 18 or over to create an account, however we have been informed that this does not seem to be being adhered to by the users or the company.

The BBC drew attention to OnlyFans in a BBC Three documentary which found underage girls selling explicit content, vulnerable people are also at risk.

Find out more

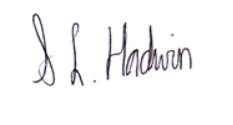
What is OnlyFans? What parents need to know (internet matters.org)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-onlyfans-what-parents-need-to-know/>

OnlyFans – what parents need to know (parentzone)

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/onlyfans-%E2%80%93-what-parents-need-know>

Yours faithfully



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