



Highfields Primary School Online Safety Newsletter

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Gangs & County Lines

Would you like to find out more about gangs and county lines and how children can be exploited? LGfL have put together a number of short videos and a leaflet including more information for you. You can find the information here:

[https://
parentsafe.lgfl.net/
gangs-county-lines](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/gangs-county-lines)

The National Crime Agency also provide information including defining what a county line is and what to do if you have any concerns:

[https://
www.nationalcrime
agency.gov.uk/what
-we-do/crime-
threats/drug-
trafficking/county-
lines](https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/drug-trafficking/county-lines)

Instagram: new features

You must be at least 13 years old to have an Instagram account.

Instagram have introduced several new features, including 'Quiet mode,' how to hide content as well as additional tools to help your child.

Quiet mode

This gives users the ability to put their account in quiet mode, so you do not receive notifications and if you receive a DM, the sender receives an auto reply. This mode will help provide less distraction at night time.

Recommendations

You can now hide content in Explore that you do not wish to see/are not interested in. Instagram will use this information to avoid showing you that type of content in other areas where content is recommended as well.

Hidden words

You can already hide comments and DMs containing specific words, but this feature has now been expanded to recommended posts. If you add a word, emoji or hashtag that you want to avoid to your hidden words (in privacy settings) then Instagram will try to no longer recommend content with those words in the caption/ hashtag.

Updated Parental Supervision Tools

You can see your child's Instagram settings (if you have set up a supervised account), including their privacy and account settings and accounts your child has blocked. If your child updates a setting, then you will receive a notification to inform you.

Find out more

You can read more about the new features here: [https://
about.fb.com/news/2023/01/instagram-quiet-mode-manage-
your-time-and-focus/](https://about.fb.com/news/2023/01/instagram-quiet-mode-manage-your-time-and-focus/)

