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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Misuse of TikTok

It is with regret that we are sending this letter to inform parents of the malicious behaviour of some of our students. As a school we have been made aware of a number of offensive videos on TikTok that are defamatory and offensive, targeting members of school staff and students. This serious matter is currently being investigated by the police.

The TikTok videos include material that is highly insulting, and, in some cases, unfounded allegations are being made. These posts contravene and breach the TikTok community guidelines, but in some cases the comments and videos fall into the category of hate speech and are abusive.

As a result, we are investigating the situation to identify the perpetrators and get the videos removed.

Please may I ask you, as a matter of urgency, to speak with your child about the responsible use of social media and urge them to cease all contact with any of these profiles and remove themselves as a follower.

Any student found to be making defamatory comments publicly online will be subject to the school disciplinary procedures and will be at risk of a permanent exclusion.

To further support parents/carers, we will be holding an information evening on E-Safety. Further details regarding this will be communicated in due course. In addition, our monthly online safety newsletter is available to view [here](#).

I would like to thank you for your continued support and ask that if you do see any further posts of this nature, that you report it to the school and on TikTok.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Pond
Headteacher

