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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Misuse of Social Media

It is with regret that we are sending this letter to inform parents of the malicious behaviour of some of our students. It has come to our attention that a number of social media sites, such as TikTok, are being used to target our teaching staff with derogatory comments posted about them which is causing distress to them and their family members.

Cyber bullying or online harassment are offences under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003. We take a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Cyber harassment against staff by students is a breach of our behaviour standards and there are no circumstances where this can be justified or excused.

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

Any student to be found posting on these profiles will be at risk of a permanent exclusion.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Pond
Headteacher



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