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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re. Urgent Social Media Advice

We have been alerted to a suicide video that has been posted on TikTok. Unfortunately, this video is being shared across many social media platforms with fake captions and hashtags. Therefore, students may not be aware of the content until they have watched it.

This content is explicit and extremely graphic and therefore it is vital that you are monitoring your child's usage of TikTok and devices.

TikTok have released a statement that they are working to remove it, to date this has not taken place.

We would strongly advise that while this video is being removed, your child does not use the app for 48 hours to avoid seeing anything that may cause them distress. We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight to all parents that the recommended age for a TikTok account is 13+ years old.

The following organisations can provide further information or support for keeping your child safe online:

Net Aware produced by O2 and NSPCC, is a guide for parents to 39 of the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use.

www.net-aware.org.uk

UK Safer Internet Centre has guidance and resources for children, parents and carers and for education.

www.saferinternet.org.uk

Thinkuknow is the National Crime Agency's education programme with age specific resources.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your support and vigilance regarding this matter.

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