



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to our attention this week that there is a group of children in Years 5 and 6 currently using TikTok to record and share video clips of themselves. Some of the content shared has been reported as offensive and a number of children and parents have been upset by this.

Whilst these incidents have occurred outside school hours we feel that we have a duty of care to report them to you so that you can take appropriate action to safeguard your children and discuss this matter with them. We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and it is important that we work together to minimise risks for our vulnerable young people. Children enter into these activities so innocently but their naivety does not allow them to recognise the risks and possible consequences of their actions.

I have downloaded an information sheet regarding TikTok from the National Online Safety platform and attached it for your information. It is worth noting that the recommended age for using TikTok is 13+ and that by default, user accounts are automatically set to public when they first create an account so potentially there could be a global audience viewing our children's recordings.

We continue to monitor activity as closely as we can in school and ensure that we deliver a comprehensive e-safety curriculum so that children can learn to use these tools responsibly. If there is anything you feel we can do further to support you or our young people then please do not hesitate to let us know.

Kind regards

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