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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to ask for your support and vigilance in monitoring your child's use of social media.

We acknowledge the many benefits that technology and social media hold for young people today both as a tool for learning and as a means of opening and maintaining lines of communication between friends and family. However, all too often, we have to deal with misuse of technology and social media that can be extremely harmful to young people, most often, in our experience, when harmful content may be posted and shared on line. Such misuse not only contravenes our behaviour and relationships policy but also our school values of Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour.

I need to share with you a deeply concerning incident that I have had to deal with this week in school where highly inappropriate and defamatory videos were posted by a number of Year 9 pupils regarding members of our community. The evidence from our investigation showed us that this involves a small number of pupils directly on the social media platform TikTok. As Headteacher of All Saints I feel extremely disappointed to have to report such behaviour by our pupils.

We have investigated fully and sanctions have been put in place for those directly involved in posting and sharing this inappropriate content. However, I am conscious that many of our students may well have viewed this account.

Online platforms such as TikTok all have a legal age limit of 13. All social media platforms have age limits for good reason. Sadly, we often find ourselves investigating incidents of misuse of social media and have been shocked by the comments made by some of our students. I am sure that parents and carers share our dismay.

Whilst online safety is covered in our curriculum through computing lessons, PSHE, assemblies and tutorials, it is evident that many young people remain uninformed of the significant consequences of accessing and sharing inappropriate content online.

As always, we would recommend that as parents and carers you regularly check your child's online activity and ensure appropriate filters and parental controls are in place. Students should report any misuse of social media to a member of staff or through our Whisper anonymous reporting platform.

I include links here which are aimed at informing and supporting families around appropriate use of social media and I urge you to spend time with your child exploring this content.

[Pre-teens \(11-13\) online safety advice | Internet Matters](#)

[social media \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

[Get help for parents & carers | Childnet](#)

[Parent guides | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)

Thank you, as always, for supporting us in ensuring that our school remains an environment where all members of our community treat one another with respect, affection and loving kindness in accordance with our values, culture and Gospel values.

Yours sincerely



S P Pender
Headteacher