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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you further to my letter last week about a small group of year 8 students who have created Tik Tok accounts where harmful and abusive content is being posted. Thank you to parents who contacted us regarding information.

We are aware that over the weekend there have been more Tiktok videos created and shared which contain harmful content. We are proud of students who have reported the account, commented under the videos to remove the video or have 'unfollowed' it. We are aware that most of the content was posted to followers only which means that this is now private and cannot be viewed by the public.

Whilst we investigate this within school, we want to ask all parents to help us by ensuring that your child:

- Does not have a Tiktok account if they are under 13
- Does not follow unofficial 'WSfG' accounts or accounts that post about people in the WSfG community
- Unfollow accounts that promote harmful content - do not give these accounts a voice and a platform to promote harmful content
- Report the account/video

WSfG does not and will not have an official TikTok account, and therefore we ask you to encourage your child not to follow any account which is claiming to be a WSfG account.

We encourage you to check your child's social media regularly so that you have confidence that they are safe online. Although the school will always act to protect our reputation and will counter any unsafe or harmful behaviour, we cannot monitor students' use of social media – this is the responsibility of parents. We know that when you work with us towards the same goal and when you articulate your support for the school's actions, it is always so powerful and this allows us to focus on our core purpose, which is to educate your children. Thank you, in advance, for your help and support.

Yours faithfully

Helen Marriott, Headteacher and Leanne Wood, Head of Year 8

