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Key Stage 2 Parents/Carers,

### TikTok

Unfortunately, we have recently been informed by a parent about several inappropriate posts and videos on 'Tik Tok' currently being circulated that have violent and racist content. Within these posts are links to 'National Rape Day' which started from a TikTok made in April of 2021, during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, that declared April 24th as "National Rape Day". The original video was allegedly made by a group of men, encouraging others to commit acts of sexual assault on this day, saying it was legal to do so.

We're immensely grateful to the parents that have brought this to our attention. The minimum age for a TikTok user is 13 years old, however some parents allow their children to use it. We strongly recommend you check your child's account if this is the case and reinforce with your child how to keep themselves safe and make appropriate choices when using their mobile phones. It is vital that parents are fully aware of the content of social media sites, such as Tik Tok, and the videos that the children are posting and viewing to ensure they are appropriate. Your child should know that if they feel uncomfortable or upset with any content viewed online, they should speak to you or another trusted adult about it.

### WhatsApp

We have also been made aware by the LA Safeguarding Team of concerns regarding WhatsApp groups being formed and children being added to the groups without their knowledge. The group content includes:

- Videos of violent fights between teenage children
- Videos showing pornography
- Pictures of cartoons that have been edited and turned into pornographic pictures (Family Guy)
- Messages encouraging violent behaviour i.e. bring your knives

Similarly, with WhatsApp, we strongly advise you to ensure your child knows that if they feel uncomfortable or upset with any messages or images, they should exit the group and speak to you or another trusted adult about it.

WhatsApp groups should only be set up with parental permission and, to ensure content is appropriate, it is advisable to have an adult as part of any group to monitor the content at all times. Please find a link below to guidance about chat apps and age restrictions.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

As with all social media, caution is advised over your child's digital footprint, particularly the content (photos, videos and messages) they choose to share. Once shared, it can be copied, re-shared and posted anywhere online.

We would highly recommend all parents to carefully monitor your child's use of devices on a regular basis to reinforce the continual focus we have on e-safety in school. Having parental control settings on your child's devices is strongly recommended. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss these concerns further.

Yours sincerely

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