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On-line Safety Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although social media should not be used by children under 13, we also realise that some children will have access to Tik Tok.

We have been made aware that there is currently a video circulating on Tik Tok regarding a male committing suicide with a firearm. There is a significant concern that young people may access this material which is extremely disturbing and demonstrates the risk of some online material that children and young people can access.

Below is a link to an information sheet on the Tik Tok app courtesy of National Online Safety, we would advise that parents/guardians make themselves familiar with all social media apps and settings in order to help safeguard their young people from the risks which are present online.

You can learn about a variety of apps and other online safety issues at www.nationalonlinesafety.com

National campaigns on a range of online safeguarding issues can be accessed via www.thinkuknow.co.uk /professionals

Simon Finch – A local independent digital safeguarding expert has posted some advice on his website

<http://simfinuk.com/resources/adults-who-work-with-young-people/there-s-a-viral-scare-online-what-should-i-do-2>

Direct Link to Think U Know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/theres-a-viral-scare-online-what-should-i-do/>

Regards
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