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Dear family

Re. Concerning Tiktok Videos

Over the past week, we have become aware that there are a number of videos being shared on the TikTok platform, which target the school and particular members of staff. Some of these contain homophobic and racist comments and amount to bullying of the staff in the school.

As you know, we have always taken seriously incidents of unkindness, bothering, or bullying between students online and work hard with students to understand how to use the internet positively and purposefully. We believe our teachers deserve the same levels of respect and should not have to face reading derogatory comments made by students in public spaces.

We have spoken to students this term already about respecting teacher privacy and reporting any online abuse as soon as they see it, so we can work to get videos taken down. We would appreciate your support in this matter in order that we can ensure teachers are able to feel protected, secure and can do their jobs without fear of being abused online. We ask that you check and monitor regularly your child's use of this social media platform.

Our Safer Schools police team are supporting us to investigate this matter and if you are aware of any of these videos on TikTok or other social media sites, thank you in advance for your support in letting a member of staff know as early as possible.

Yours faithfully

Natalie Brookshaw
Principal