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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Tiktok in Year 6**

It has been brought to the school's attention that there are conversations about certain videos, trends and Netflix series which are causing concern to children in Year 6. Tiktok has been mentioned as the app that has started many of these conversations; however, as we know, the internet provides many places to search and view inappropriate content. While it is not for the school to monitor social media usage outside of school, it does become the school's concern when behaviours outside of school affect the teaching and learning within school.

The Year 6 children have taken part in an assembly which has focused on the importance of promoting their own mental health. They have considered the age restrictions of Tiktok and what this may mean to them. They have been shown how social media platforms send videos to their feed based on their viewing preferences and searches which can then continue to promote material that is not suitable. The children have thought about their 'digital 5 a day' and the importance of making a choice to engage with content that makes them happy.

The assembly is available to watch on our school website and we ask that parents continue this conversation at home with their children. We appreciate that all families will make their own decisions regarding social media use however we strongly encourage parents to disallow the use of social media apps for primary age children. Should you wish to allow your child social media, then please check their security and privacy settings. More information about social media apps can be found on our website in the online safety section.

Thank you,

Miss L Earl  
Computing and Online Safety Lead