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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year I sent you several letters regarding safeguarding concerns around the video app TikTok.

Unfortunately, it has been reported to us that an extremely graphic and upsetting video is currently trending across several social media platforms, especially TikTok. The video involves a man who live streamed his suicide.

The administrators of all social media applications are working hard to remove all videos, however, some have been incorporated into innocent looking uploads and could be added to the "For You" content page, so users may view the content without intentionally doing so.

The video is extremely distressing, so it is urged that parents, children and carers to avoid using TikTok whilst it is in high circulation.

How to report an upsetting video

TikTok provides clear instructions on how to report upsetting videos that may breach their rules and regulations. If you find a distressing clip, open the video and press the share button, tap report and follow the online instructions.

On Facebook, you can report a photo or video that you believe violates its Community Standards by clicking or tapping on the post to expand it. Hover over the photo or video and hit Options in the bottom right corner. Click Find Support or Report Photo for photos or Find Support or Report Video for videos. Select the option that best describes the issue and follow the on-screen instructions.

On Instagram, tap the three dots above the photo or video post, tap report, and then select why you've chosen to report the post.

This is for your information. Please do not discuss with your child in case they decide to go and look for this video. I will inform you of any updates as soon as I have them.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Banks
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