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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware from the news, there has been a national 'craze' regarding the use of the social media platform TikTok. A huge number of schools have reported cases where students have been using the platform to create offensive and harmful videos of school staff. This is not only illegal, but extremely distressing and upsetting for the staff involved.

It is my understanding that TikTok and the Police are now seeking to work together in closer partnership in order to more quickly identify the creators of these videos. There has also been considerable pressure from the UK Government for TikTok to intervene.

In terms of Cardinal Pole, I have incredible faith that our students would not seek to harm our committed and talented staff. However, I must be very clear with parents/carers that if this *were* to happen here, the most serious sanctions would have to be considered, including the possibility of a permanent exclusion. This includes the creation of malicious content, the 'liking' 'sharing' and even commenting on it. Any engagement whatsoever will not be tolerated. I know that you will fully agree there is no place for bullying and malicious accusations in any workplace, let alone one that is dedicated to the service of young people.

I would encourage you to talk this through with your children so that they have a full understanding of this issue. Every year group this week has attended an assembly by PC Rob McCrea who has outlined the legal position to students.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Adam Hall
Associate Headteacher