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Parent and Carer update

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Local Authority has asked us to share this letter with parents and carers. You may be aware from national and local media that some students in secondary schools have been making short films and uploading them on the TikTok app, often featuring footage from learning resources used by teachers and school-related media presentations on other authorised sites. Although many of these are generated as a joke, we do not authorise the use of our material for other uses at any time.

Department for Education has said that they are in communication with TikTok to identify users and remove content targeting teachers or schools, and the government are introducing laws which will force social media platforms such as TikTok to take greater accountability. They are also in discussion about prosecuting those who produce malicious content.

We would like to remind parents and carers that students are not permitted to film on school premises without permission; and that the legal age for users of TikTok is 13. We remind students that they are not allowed to upload unauthorised short films in the name of their school. Therefore, we would like to ask parents and carers to check their child(ren)'s social media accounts to ensure that any such videos have been reported or deleted.

If you are aware of any malicious content on TikTok that you are unhappy with, you can report it in the following way:

- Call the Professional Online Safety Helpline: 0344 381 4772
- Email the helpline: helpline@saferinternet.org.uk
- Or contact us at the school: info@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk

If any students are found to be creating malicious videos, they will face school sanctions. In addition, the videos will be reported immediately to the police.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher