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Dear Parent/Carer

This week we have had a number of parents, students and former students contact the school very worried about activity that has been posted on Tic Tok because photographs and digitally altered videos of staff have been uploaded. These have been liked, commented on and most worryingly shared by a number of students.

I am appalled by the actions of some of our students who know that what they are doing is wrong.

Taking pictures of and copying pictures of staff is strictly forbidden and some of the more serious posts could potentially cause serious damage to professional reputations and could be considered as harassment, slander or discrimination.

This is not victimless behaviour. If it does not stop, I will consider implementing a total ban on mobile phones in school to safeguard staff from having their pictures taken.

We will not tolerate this and where we find evidence of potential slander or discrimination we will not hesitate to contact the police. Our staff are human beings with feelings and they feel very badly let down by this type of behaviour.

We urge you to speak with your child(ren) as soon as possible, to find out if they have participated in this and use it as an opportunity to reinforce with your child(ren) the importance of their online behaviour.

We are identifying the names of students involved and if your child is identified we will contact you.

I would like to reassure you that social media platforms cannot be accessed in school.

We know you will share our concerns and ensure that your child understands the consequences if they participate in behaviour of this kind. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Parker-Randall
Headteacher

