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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have received an email from our Local Safeguarding Children Board which we have been asked to share with all parents:

**PLEASE BE AWARE -
TIKTOK/SNAPCHAT/WHATSAPP/TWITTER/INSTAGRAM/YOUTUBE**

There is an extremely upsetting and highly graphic video currently trending on TikTok of a man live-streaming his suicide. Whilst TikTok have stated that they are doing their best to remove the video, it has been shared across many social media platforms hundreds of thousands of times including under fake captions. Some captions on TikTok are as trivial as 'look at the pasta I cooked tonight' before the video then plays; therefore children can come across the video without even searching for it.

This video is extremely distressing and we ask schools to pass this message to parents and carers (and to children as appropriate) so they can avoid the app whilst this video is in such high circulation.

We urge everyone to be vigilant and advise parents and carers to supervise very closely what children are accessing online.

Yours sincerely

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