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Dear parents/ carers,

We have been made aware of a Tik Tok video that is, unfortunately, going viral and would be incredibly disturbing to anyone that viewed it. It shows someone taking their own life, which would, ultimately, be incredibly distressing were someone to unwittingly come across it. Therefore, we would recommend that parents stop their children accessing this app until Tik Tok have been able to remove all traces of the video which they are currently working on. The company expect it to be cleared within a few days.

It was, however, also shared onto Facebook and, whilst they have now taken this post down, it could still remain on some areas of the site so is worth using extra caution and boycotting this app as well until they can confirm there are no traces of it. It is also worth remembering that Tik Tok videos can be shared via WhatsApp so I would urge parents and carers to be incredibly vigilant and use extra caution with their child's online use and viewing.

As with all digital safeguarding, please talk to you child about how they can keep themselves safe online and what content they are accessing. Thinkuknow website is a fantastic source of online safety information and can be found by searching https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Please do not hesitate to contact me or another safeguarding member of staff if you would like to discuss this or anything else that may be concerning you.

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