

14th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Addressing Malicious TikTok Accounts

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you of a concerning matter that has come to our attention regarding some Year 11 students at Lealands High School. It has been reported that a student(s) has been involved in setting up malicious TikTok accounts. This behaviour is not only inappropriate and damaging, but also goes against the values we uphold as a school community. We are deeply concerned for the welfare of those affected by this.

Our School's Stance

At Lealands High School, we are committed to fostering an environment where respect, responsibility, and integrity are at the core of our students' development. The creation and use of malicious social media accounts are entirely inconsistent with these values. We believe in teaching our students the importance of digital citizenship and the responsible use of social media platforms.

Parental Guidance

We strongly urge you to discuss the responsible use of social media with your child. Here are a few points to consider when having this conversation:

- **Understand the Impact:** Explain how harmful content can affect individuals and communities.
- **Privacy Settings:** Encourage the use of appropriate privacy settings to protect personal information.
- **Think Before Posting:** Emphasise the importance of thinking about the consequences of sharing online content.
- **Legal Implications:** Help with the understanding of how some content posted can be illegal and lead to severe consequences.

School Actions

Rest assured, the school is taking appropriate actions to address this issue. We are working closely to support students affected. We are also speaking with the year group to seek their assistance with identifying the culprit(s) to take appropriate action. We are following all the channels open to us to report and have damaging content removed where possible. This includes liaising with the police. We will work with any perpetrator(s) identified to

ensure they understand the seriousness of their actions and the impact it has had on others. Disciplinary measures will be considered in accordance with our school's policies.

Next Steps

- If your child has been involved, we will be in contact to discuss further actions.
- We will be speaking to students individually who have contacted us about their concerns, providing any appropriate support.
- Students are being addressed collectively about this and asked to share any information they have which may assist in our enquiries about the accounts.
- We are reporting to the platform and appropriate authorities requesting removal of any harmful or damaging content.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office. We are here to support you and your child through this matter.

In the meantime, you may find this link to information for parents/carers from the National Online Safety Organisation useful:-

<chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.horizoncare.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/tik-tok-guide.pdf>

In addition, the National College provides a range of free information about TikTok for parents/carers which can be accessed here:- <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/tiktok>

Thank you for your cooperation and for supporting us in maintaining a positive and respectful school environment.

Yours sincerely,



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