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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been made aware that a distressing and graphic video of a man committing suicide on the popular app TikTok has been circulating. This has been viewed by some of our students.

According to news reports it is possible that this video could also be hidden within other videos such as of 'cute cats' which means that your child could be exposed to this video inadvertently. The app also has a 'For You' page which suggests clips that you might wish to view and it is possible that the video could appear without searching for it.

It is important that your child is aware that it is not acceptable to share this type of content with others. A notice will be issued to all year groups to remind them of this. As parents and carers, please could you also be alert to this and discuss with your child the importance of online safety.

For more information about TikTok, a guide can be found here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-tiktok>

If you are concerned about your child's exposure to content such as this, please contact me via email on jmesser@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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