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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this letter finds you well. As educators and caregivers, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our children, both within and outside the school environment. With this in mind, I am writing to draw your attention to a matter of concern regarding the app, TikTok.

TikTok has become increasingly popular among children, offering a platform for sharing short videos and engaging with content from around the world. While it may seem harmless at first glance, there are certain risks associated with its use, particularly for primary school-aged children. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app and that anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian. Common Sense Media, a help site for parents, recommends the app for age 16+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content.

As you may be aware, TikTok has a wide user base, including individuals who may not have the best intentions. There have been many instances of inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and even predatory behaviour on the platform. Additionally, the app's algorithms may expose children to content that is not suitable for their age or development stage. Therefore, we strongly advise parents and guardians to not allow their children to access it.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher. Your partnership in safeguarding our children is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mr Shaw

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