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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Re: Online Safety – TikTok and Love Reading App Concerns**

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils, we are writing to raise awareness about some concerning issues related to online platforms that are increasingly being accessed by children, including TikTok and the Love Reading app.

While these platforms can offer entertainment and educational value, we have become aware of **serious risks and inappropriate content** that may be encountered by children using them without supervision.

**TikTok**

TikTok is a widely used social media platform that allows users to create and share short videos. Despite its popularity, it has been linked to:

- Exposure to **explicit language, sexualised content**, and harmful trends.
- Children being encouraged to participate in **dangerous challenges** or mimic inappropriate behaviour.
- Public accounts that allow strangers to interact with children, often without parental knowledge.

We strongly advise parents to:

- Check if your child has access to TikTok and review their account settings.
- Use **Family Pairing** features to monitor activity.
- Discuss the importance of **online safety and respectful behaviour** with your child.

**Love Reading App**

The Love Reading app is promoted as a tool to encourage reading and literacy. However, we have received reports that **some content accessible through the app includes sexually explicit material**, which is **not suitable for primary-aged children**.



We recommend:

- Reviewing the books and materials your child is accessing through the app.
- Using parental controls where available.
- Encouraging your child to speak to you or a trusted adult if they come across anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

### **What You Can Do**

To help keep your child safe online:

- Regularly check your child's devices and apps.
- Know their passwords and monitor their usage.
- Set clear boundaries around screen time and device use, especially at night.
- Talk openly with your child about what they see online and how to respond to anything upsetting.

We will continue to educate pupils about online safety as part of our curriculum and provide support where needed. If you have any concerns or would like further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Hamilton  
**Headteacher**

