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Tuesday 16th November

Dear Parent/Carer

TikTok Warning

We have recently been made aware of concerns relating to an inappropriate TIKTok challenge. Users of this platform are being encouraged to set up false accounts to post inappropriate and unkind videos.

It is important that we are vigilant when children are using devices and act to ensure they are protected from people who may pose a risk to them. Children can accidentally or deliberately be exposed to illegal, unwanted or unpleasant content, comments or activity online and there are steps you can take at home to minimise this risk. It is always good advice to monitor and support your child's online life and to know who they are communicating with. Careful use of privacy settings also helps reduce risks. We kindly ask that parents and carers discuss the issue with their children and emphasise the above message. Please talk with your child about the real-life consequences and academy disciplinary actions associated with this type of misconduct.

At Blowers Green we encourage our learners to talk to a trusted adult at home or school if they have any concerns or worries about social media. Please consider watching the BBC Panorama programme 'Is TikTok Safe?' Which sets out the very real dangers of children using TikTok. The programme is 29 minutes long and is available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

Childnet and Net Aware have both produced excellent guides for parents/carers, they cover how to ensure TikTok accounts are set up as safely as possible.

We will be reminding learners generally about what to do if they are exposed to any inappropriate content online.

The Schools' Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Parkes, Mrs Martin and myself are available to discuss any help you may need or concerns regarding online safety that you may have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Z. Adams".

Mrs Z Adams
Head Teacher