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Dear families,

**Lip Balm Challenge: TikTok**

It has been brought to our attention that some of our students have been talking about a Lip Balm / Chapstick Challenge on TikTok which we want to bring to your immediate attention.

TikTok's Terms and Conditions state that users must be aged 13 or over.

One of the most serious versions of this challenge has been reported that a person is encouraged to use an entire tube of ChapStick / Lip Balm on their lips. Then, when the tube is empty, they are supposed to die / commit suicide.

It has also been reported that that a person should self-harm and then use ChapStick or another lip balm to cover up the injury.

In every iteration of this challenge, something harmful could happen to the person in question and therefore it is extremely important that you discuss the seriousness of this with your child if you are aware that they have used the TikTok platform or have access to it. We would strongly encourage that access is removed with urgency.

Should we hear children saying they access TikTok unsupervised, we will continue to treat this as a safeguarding concern and will continue to speak to those parents / carers concerns and possibly seek advice from Children's Services if necessary.

Please be very vigilant about what your children are watching, especially if they have older siblings and family members who may watch these programmes.

Thank you in advance for being responsible parents and carers.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Robbins-Ross**  
Principal



**Miss Nicola Parry**  
Acting Principal

