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Dear Parents / Carers,

Last week, we became aware of a small number of TikTok posts featuring images of staff and pupils. These posts were unpleasant and derogatory in nature and included edited images. As I am sure you will agree, this type of behaviour is unacceptable, and it has caused significant concern amongst staff, pupils and parents/carers.

Several pupils who attend Porthcawl Comprehensive School brought this to my attention, and I would like to thank them for their responsible and honourable actions by alerting the school to this type of content. The school has reported these posts to TikTok and to the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Both the school and the above organisations have taken steps to identify the individuals responsible for these posts. If the creator of these posts and/or any future posts is identified, a formal school sanction will be issued; meaning that fixed term or permanent exclusion is a possible consequence.

I am aware that the known account has been closed and the TikTok posts removed. However, it is important to highlight that posting harmful or defamatory material online may also constitute harassment, defamation, or malicious communication under UK law.

I am asking for your direct support at home. If your child uses TikTok - or any social media platform - please check their recent activity. Discuss the seriousness of this situation with them and make clear that this type of behaviour has no positive outcome.

Social media can, of course, be positive, creative, and enjoyable. In this case, however, the posts are entirely unacceptable. They do not reflect the values we expect from our pupils, nor the standards or characteristics of the 'Porthcawl Pupil' that lie at the heart of our school ethos.

Thank you for your support in addressing this matter swiftly and in helping our pupils understand both the moral and legal responsibilities that come with posting online.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

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