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Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware there is a national TikTok challenge at present, which encourages students to lead a protest within school to make a change.

Whilst we always want to positively encourage Student Voice, we would encourage our students to raise any points for discussion through the appropriate forum of school council. Since our new councillors have been elected they have already made change within our academy, by sourcing extra seating in the nave for break and lunch, along with a full time first aider and better awareness of where sanitary products can be sourced within the academy. Being able to make a positive change in the world around them is important, but approaching this in the right way is paramount.

Protests can have a negative impact with regard the safety of our students, as it can encourage large groups to congregate. Of concern also, is the potential for images of students to be shared online without consent from all involved. Accompanying this is our school policy regarding mobile phones, and as you are aware phones should not be used in the academy.

We are aware that protests have occurred recently in several local schools and understand the pressures on young people to rise to the TikTok challenge, but we are asking you, as parents and carers, to support us in keeping your child and our students safe by talking with your child and reinforcing that they need to use the existing appropriate channels to raise any ideas for change.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Paul Mc

