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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been brought to our attention that there are numerous accounts set up on TikTok and Snapchat under the Harris name by someone seemingly in year 8 that have been posting hurtful and unpleasant things about other students in year 8 and about our staff.

Please could we ask you to check your child's phone, even if you don't believe they have these apps, for inappropriate content.

We reiterate that students should report all content that is offensive, abusive or targeting others to the social media platform. Shutting down these accounts will make it harder for malicious posts to spread and can inhibit the ability to create new accounts.

Whilst investigating the above issues, which have taken place outside of school, it has also been revealed that a number of students have been taking clandestine photographs of other students and members of staff in lessons and sharing them in group chats. This is in direct contravention of our mobile phone policy. We have identified the students who have done this and they are being sanctioned.

Please remind your child that access to phones at Harris is a privilege, and one that few other schools permit. These events are forcing us to reconsider our policy moving forward.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Harrison
Headteacher