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Dear Principal,

TikTok incidents – preventative message for pupils.

We are aware of a growing trend of fake TikTok accounts circulating whereby images of teachers and pupils are uploaded, at times alongside inappropriate and / or distressing comments.

Superintendent O'Neill of Crime Prevention and Early Intervention Branch has recorded a short video to highlight how seriously the Police Service of Northern Ireland perceives this issue to be. Please do play this video to your pupils if you deem it appropriate to do so. The link to this video is - https://youtu.be/JIJGlQ1ulv0

We fully appreciate the distress that such incidents can cause and we will be working alongside schools in investigating reports. Whilst those responsible may think this is harmless fun, we are taking this matter very seriously. We would wish to ensure that all young people fully appreciate the gravity of these incidents.

We would encourage anyone with information on these reports to contact police on 101.

Many thanks,

Arnie O'Neill

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