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Dear Parents /Carers

It has come to our attention that several children in Year 4, 5 and 6 are acting out things from social media, mainly Tik Tok.

Several children are doing these things, many more are joining in and several are finding it all very uncomfortable.

The actions include:

- Singing sexually explicit songs, and songs containing sexual innuendo.
- Making noises with an explicit sexual tone.
- Simulating sexually explicit actions and gestures.

Whilst it is natural that children start to be curious about these things at this age, these actions are not age appropriate. During discussions with the children, it is also obvious that they don't fully understand the sexual connotations of the actions and gestures they are participating in. We are currently undertaking work to educate the children on the inappropriateness of these actions and speaking to them regarding our expectations of behaviour. All the children will also be spoken to regarding eSafety and keeping themselves safe on-line.

We would very much appreciate your support with this and would ask you to talk to your child regarding this matter. Attached is a parent guide to Tik Tok to help with this. If you need any assistance with putting restrictions on any of your IT equipment you can email admin@jotmanshall.essex.sch.uk to book a slot with our IT technician, who will be happy to help.

More advice can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/sex-relationships/>

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further concerns regarding this matter.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Warnes".

Ms S Warnes

Headteacher

